

WE PICK THE BEST BABY YARNS

BRITISH KNITTING AWARDS 2015 ARE OPEN!

Let's

ISSUE 91 APR 2015

knit

THE UK'S **BESTSELLING** KNIT MAG

Nº1 FOR PATTERNS

40+ PAGES OF
fab designs!

ADORABLE TEDDY

PRETTY CARDIGAN

STUNNING CUSHION

**FUN TOTE TO KNIT
IN A NIGHT**

**COTTON SWEATER
FROM £15!**

Val Pierce Exclusive
**KNIT ELVIS
THE COCKATOO!**

ISSUE 91 APR 2015 £4.99



Packed with great ideas!

- BALLOON & BIRD MOBILE ● PRACTICAL COTTON WASH SET ● T-SHIRT YARN SHOPPING BAG AND MUCH MORE!

**READ
THIS!**

**YARN SHOP DAY:
GET INVOLVED!**

**WIN A £200
YARN STASH!**

**WHAT'S HOT FOR SS2015:
NEW SEASON ROUND-UP**



Timeless
**SPRING
SWEATER**



Quick
**CROCHET
GIFT**





LOVE BEING SPOILT FOR CHOICE

Enter **LOVELK20** to LoveKnitting.com
to get 15% off your order.



LoveKnitting.com
0845 544 2196



Yarn, Needles, Buttons, Books, Patterns, Kits and Accessories



Customers LOVE our service



FREE delivery on orders over £25



FREE returns if you don't love your order

welcome to *Let's* knit

Meet the team...



DEPUTY EDITOR
Adrienne Chandler
adrienne.chandler
@aceville.co.uk

This month...

I've been catching up with some of the stores participating in this year's Yarn Shop

Day - find out what they've got planned on page 32. I also demonstrate how to increase, decrease and crochet in the round (p89).

My favourite project...

Elvis the cockatoo (p16)



EDITORIAL ASSISTANT
Molly Todd
molly.todd
@aceville.co.uk

This month...

Spring has sprung at last and I've been busy finding out about the exciting new releases from all your favourite

companies. Have a look on page 45!

My favourite project...

Bamboo Beauty (p30)



It's Yarn Shop day on 2nd May 2015. Turn to page 79 for a list of the latest stores that are taking part

Need to get in touch?

Pattern queries:
call 01206 508622 or email
support@letsknit.co.uk

Advertising enquiries:
call Julie Freestone on 01206 505913 or email
julie.freestone@aceville.co.uk

Subscription queries:
call 01795 414715 or email
letsknit@servicehelpline.co.uk



As well as our usual **great mix of patterns** we've got something of a menagerie in this issue of Let's Knit! Amanda Berry has created **Micky the Monkey**, and you can knit him right away with your free yarn kit. If you'd like to make a few knitted pals for Micky then not only do we have Val Pierce's **Elvis the cockatoo**

on page 16, and Jane Burns' **scruffy ted** on page 53, but you can also **save money** on the wonderful Knit Your Own Zoo by Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne, and **download their elephant pattern for free!** Turn to page 34 for details.

Don't miss your chance to nominate your favourites in **The British Knitting Awards 2015**. There's a £200 prize up for grabs for one lucky entrant, and you can either fill in the form provided or enter online at www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards. All the details are on page 39.

Preparations for **Yarn Shop Day 2015** are now in full swing, with shops up and down the country planning exciting events. One thing's for sure, there's going to be an **enormous amount of cake** consumed on May the 2nd! To find out the latest news on who's doing what near you, turn to page 32.

Happy knitting!

Sarah

sarah.neal@aceville.co.uk



Cable patterned
plant pot



Shawls like *Bamboo Beauty* on page 30 are the perfect project for spring and summer knitting



Our photographer's daughter Betty was the cheeky model for our colourful crochet apron



As usual we did our photo shoot for this issue quite far in advance - here's our make-up artist Dottie in her Christmas deely-boppers!

JOIN @LETSKNITMAG ON



All items from patterns published by Let's Knit are for personal use only and cannot be sold. Multiple copies of any part of this publication may not be made, and no part of this publication whether in its original form or a reproduction thereof may be sold. All patterns featured within Let's Knit are reproduced in good faith that they do not infringe any copyright.

DISCLAIMER: We recommend that readers use the main specified yarn for every project as this will produce the best results. The alternatives given are suggestions only, and as no two yarns are exactly the same we advise readers to swatch an alternative yarn carefully before choosing to use it for their project. The publishers are not responsible for any safety issues arising from any items knitted from patterns contained within Let's Knit magazine. Prices are all correct at time of print.

Let's knit

APRIL 2015

CONTENTS



76



48



59



13

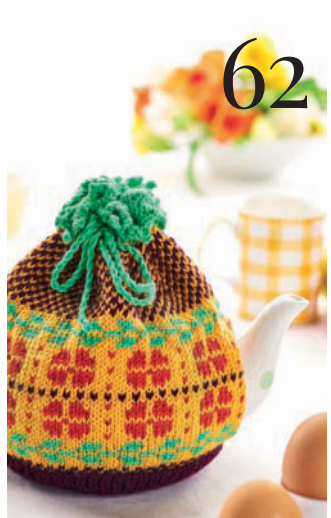
Cover
project



16



27



62



66



38



21

PATTERNS

13 Pastel Perfection

Channel ladylike elegance in Helen Ardley's leaf-adorned neck piece

16 Elvis the Cockatoo

Try teaching Val Pierce's cheeky crested friend a new phrase

21 Spring Green

A bright basketweave sweater from Sian Brown

27 Vintage Flair

You can't get it wrong with Pat Menchini's casual cardigan

30 Bamboo Beauty

Julie Ferguson's versatile shawl is ideal for changeable spring weather

35 Shopping Spree

Knit Monica Russel's stylish bag from recycled T-shirt yarn

38 Secret Garden

Watch your blanket grow with the next two squares for our knitalong

41 Silver Dollar

Fall in love with lace by making Anniken Allis's timeless top

48 Flower Power

If Micky the Monkey isn't for you why not use your free yarn for a gorgeous corsage?

53 Oliver

Craft Jane Burns' gorgeous scruffy teddy friend for your favourite little person

59 Bathroom Blues

A trio of lovely washroom accessories to add glamour to your beauty routine

62 Sienna Bloom

Lynne Rowe's quirky Fair Isle teacosy is sure to brighten up your kitchen

64 Turkish Delight

Bring a hint of Istanbul into your home with a vibrant, ethnic print cushion

66 Up, Up and Away

A brilliantly colourful mobile by Nicola Valiji to keep baby smiling

72 Get Organised

Three cute, stashbusting patterns to help keep track of your keys

76 Fuchsia Fun

Be a trendsetter in Kelly Menzies' bright and on-trend top

85 Little Helper

Protect pretty little outfits with Lucinda Ganderton's stripey crocheted apron



64



35



53

This month's
**FREE
GIFT!**



Swing from the trees with our free Micky the Monkey yarn kit and pattern



72



85



30

SHOPPING

24 Style Spotlight

Our focus this month is all things spring

56 Yarn Shopping

Swaddle a little loved one in our favourite baby yarns

87 Colour Therapy

Be inspired by bright, bold crimson yarns

88 What's In Store

Get the hot gossip from our favourite shops around the UK

FOCUS

8 Let's Knit Loves

Catch up with the latest news and gossip from the knitting universe

32 Planning Ahead

Get the lowdown on Yarn Shop Day 2015

34 Reader Offer

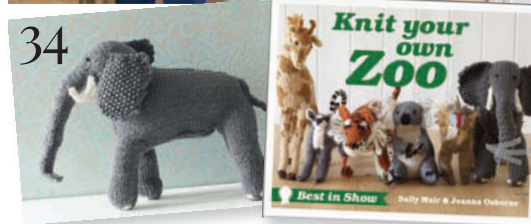
Exclusive discount on 'Knit Your Own Zoo' and a free pattern download

39 British Knitting Awards 2015

Nominate your favourites and you might win a fabulous prize worth £200!

45 Jump into Spring

Find out about exciting new releases for spring/summer 2015



34

Turn to page 34 for a great reader offer on this book

55 Stylecraft Colour Competition

Here's your chance to create your own shade of Stylecraft Special DK!

89 Tutorial

Adrienne Chandler demonstrates how to increase, decrease and join the round when crocheting

PEOPLE

50 Stop and Share

Catch up with the LK community

98 My Stash Secrets

Be inspired by our chat with Tanis Grey and her impressive career

IN EVERY ISSUE...

3 Welcome

7 This Month's Free Gift

10 April is the Month

40 Bookshelf

49 Coming Next Month

52 Tea Break

70 Subscriptions

91 Giveaways

92 Practical Guides

94 Step By Step



41

Who cares? ...We do!

At **Let's Knit** we understand that nothing is more annoying than errors in knitting patterns. As part of our total commitment to ensuring that your experience of our magazine is as enjoyable as possible, we're proud to offer **THE LET'S KNIT PATTERN PROMISE:**

- Exclusive patterns featured in Let's Knit have been professionally checked and reproduced with the utmost care. Updates can be found at www.letsknit.co.uk
- Should you encounter any problems we are more than happy to provide support and assistance. Contact us and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

By email:
support@letsknit.co.uk
By telephone: 01206 508622 (office hours only)
By post: at the address on page 95 (please mark your envelope 'Support')
(Please note we cannot offer assistance with patterns not published in Let's Knit)

OUT NOW
NEW PATTERN COLLECTION

WYS WEST
YORKSHIRE
SPINNERS LTD

reared, sheared & spun
IN BRITAIN

Signature SOCKS

FEATURING

3 SASSY
SOCK PATTERNS

IN OUR SIGNATURE 4 PLY

DESIGNED BY BRITAIN'S NEXT
TOP KNITWEAR DESIGNER
EMMA WRIGHT

CALL 01535 664500 OR
EMAIL SALES@WYSPINNERS.COM

WWW.WYSPINNERS.COM

BRITISH FLOCKS MAKE

SUPER

Socks



BUBBLEGUM BLISS



WOODLAND WALK

Knit Micky the Monkey tonight!

Find the pattern for Amanda Berry's cheeky primate on your FREE leaflet



lets knit
Best for
free gifts!

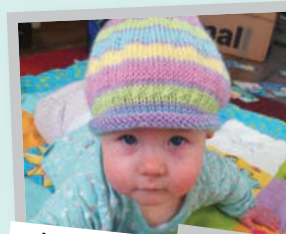
Your FREE KIT

Make & Share

We love seeing what you've made with your free yarn kit. Share your photos with us on Facebook and Twitter, or email molly.todd@aceville.co.uk.



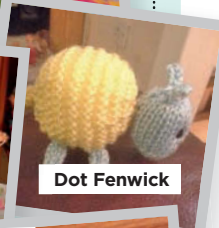
Last month we gave you our biggest ever yarn kit and here's what you made:



Jo Kilpatrick



@ruthmetcalfe



Dot Fenwick



Lynne Drever Atkinson



@pewpewvic



Adele Parr



Linda Petch

FLOWER POWER

If you don't fancy knitting a toy this month, check out Susie Johns' statement corsage. Made using the purple and white yarn in your FREE kit, it features six pretty petals and a bold pompom centre. Find the pattern over on page 48 and don't forget to share your pictures of your finished project - we can't wait to see what you make!





CROCHET HAPPY

*If you've been following our knitalong and have a knack for crochet then take note! Rowan is hosting a crochetalong designed by Lisa Richardson. You can choose which project you follow from a baby blanket, ladies' shawl, cushion cover or scarf. The patterns will be released in eight stages with a competition once all parts have been published. Call **01484 681881** or visit www.knitrowan.com for details.*

Let's knit LOVES...

OUR ROUND-UP OF WHAT'S HOT
IN THE KNITTING UNIVERSE

Fields of Lavender

Treat your jumper drawer or make a heavenly-scented gift for a dear friend with this Heart Lavender Bag knitting kit which includes two bags of lavender, two skeins of 100% British hand-dyed wool and the unique pattern. Available to make in nine delightful colours, the kit costs £14.50 from **07771 741346**, www.thelittlegreysheep.co.uk



Pastel Paradise

Spring has officially sprung and Debbie Bliss is fully embracing bright seasonal hues with her patterns using Delphi, a gorgeous 100% cotton chunky yarn which knits to create a deep multi-tonal effect. The pattern for this delightful sweater costs £3.50. For stockists call **01535 664222** or visit www.designeryarns.uk.com



WEDDING BELLS

A unique gift that won't be on their list! This marriage cushion is the perfect present for friends tying the knot.

Lovingly made by Suffolk-based Bob and John's Knitwear from 100% lambswool, it can be customised for the happy couple. Each cushion costs £66, **07403 494012**, www.bobandjohnknitwear.co.uk



Did you know?

The word 'knit' is derived from the Old English cnyttan, which means 'to knot'!



LOUISA HARDING YARNS

We've already fallen in love with these stunning new yarns from Louisa Harding! Delicately named Anise, Cassia and Azalea, the bright hues and textures of these yarns channel the warmth of spring. For the full range or to find a stockist near you, call 01535 664222 or visit www.designeryarns.uk.com

CHARITY WE LOVE...



AYME Mums

A group of 20 mothers have joined forces to raise vital funds for Ayme - The Association of Young People with ME. They are taking up their needles to knit 25,000 tulips to increase awareness and raise £25,000 for the same number of sufferers in the UK. Visit www.ayme.org.uk for more information on the charity or make a donation at www.justgiving.com/knitatulip. Get involved!

Dates for your diary

Think ahead and plan out your calendar of craft shows for 2015! ICHF Events has some fantastic shows across the country so make it easy for yourself and visit the website to find details of all of them in one place. www.ichfevents.co.uk/whats_on.php

CREATE YOUR OWN YARN!

We love a competition here at Let's Knit and this one is a knitter's dream come true! We've teamed up with Stylecraft to give you the opportunity to create your very own shade of Stylecraft Special DK and have it added to the collection! Simply send a sample of a colour you love to **Stylecraft Special Colour Competition, Stylecraft, Spa Mill, New Street, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5BB** or creative@stylecraftltd.co.uk by March 31st. See page 55 or our website for more details. Good luck!



Knit one, plant one

Are you a green thumb or a horticultural disaster? Either way, get inspired, get outside and get gardening this April with this cable patterned plant pot by The Little Boys Room. Available in grey and white, each pot costs £14.95 from **0345 259 1359**, www.notonthehighstreet.com



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Cute, quirky and quick to knit, we love this new scarf kit from Wendy! It uses a basic k1, p1 pattern and the head and legs are provided ready-finished so it's an ideal first project for kids or knitting newcomers. To find a stockist near you, call 01943 872 264 or visit www.tbamsden.co.uk





This Month's TOP BUY

Brittany's new all-natural wax is just the thing for keeping those all important wooden needles and hooks in tip-top condition. Simply apply a small bit of wax to your favourite set of pins, leave to dry for a few hours and buff with a soft cloth to give the needles a lovely, smooth finish. The wax even has a delightful vanilla fragrance! A single fluid ounce jar costs £8.75 from www.interknitcafe.co.uk



Spring is here at last, and we can't wait to get started on our new season knits! Purchase the pattern for these knitted and felted flowers for £10.01 from www.graceknittingpattern.etsy.com

April IS THE MONTH...

...OF BABY ANIMALS, BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS AND WARMER WEATHER!

This Month's —MUST VISIT—

Avid fibre fans will be delighted to hear that Wonderwool Wales returns in April, and this year the show celebrating its tenth anniversary! Hosted over the 25th-26th at the Royal Welsh Showground, there are daily demonstrations to watch, have-a-go-sessions to attend and endless opportunities to indulge in a spot of yarn-related retail therapy thanks to the great range of exhibitors at the two-day event. Don't forget to book a place on one of their popular Woolschool classes, and make sure you catch the quirky Sheepwalk show! To find out more and book tickets, go to www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk or call 01938 820495.



THIS MONTH We're knitting

Deputy editor Adrienne has made the Doctor Who companion K-9! "When I saw Helen Callis's Mini K-9 pattern on Ravelry, I knew my boyfriend would love it. I've been surreptitiously knitting him in my lunch breaks so it would be a complete surprise!"



DATES FOR *April*

11th	Learn to crochet with Nicole Wilson, Warrington	www.blacksheepwools.com
12th	Knit and Stitch show, Penrith	www.rheged.com
16th-18th	Creative Craft Shows, Belfast	www.sccshows.co.uk
21st	A Royal Alpaca Event, Cambridge	www.purlalpacadesigns.com
23rd-26th	Creative Craft Shows, Shepton Mallet	www.sccshows.co.uk
25th-26th	Wonderwool Wales, Pwys	www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk

WE ASKED *our readers*

Have any of you ever tried knitting a guernsey jumper before?

@BEINGKITTERLY

I knitted Stornaway by Alice Starmore. Loved it!

SUZANNA BARNES

I knitted one for my son-in-law for Christmas 2013. It was fantastic to knit! The bottom was plain but I added an anchor and patterns from Whitby to add a bit of interest.

JESSICA WILLS

Not yet, but it is certainly on my knitter's bucket list!

WHAT'S HOT ON THE LK WEBSITE

April is Create and Craft TV's birthday, and the theme this year is the good old English Tea Party. We've got some brilliant ideas over on the LK site, including patterns for teacosies, bunting and even cake recipes. Let's celebrate in style!



MARTINE *makes*

GUERNSEY GIRL MARTINE IS A BLOGGER, TEACHER, KNITWEAR DESIGNER AND REMARKABLY AVERAGE UKULELE PLAYER. FIND OUT MORE ON HER POPULAR CREATIVE LIFESTYLE BLOG AND PODCAST, IMAKE AT WWW.MARTINEELLIS.COM

All about ombré

I love learning new knitting terms. My word of the month is "ombré" (meaning shaded or graduated in tone). I discovered "ombré" while leafing through a fashion magazine at the hairdresser's recently. The magazine was using the term in relation to hair colour. I'll be honest, having the ends of my hair dyed a different colour to my roots doesn't appeal to me – however, knitting patterns, like the Easy Ombré Slouch Hat by Paul S Neary (free on Ravelry.com) are far more interesting! This simple hat is knitted in the round and features a two tone ombré effect created using simple stranded colourwork. If you don't fancy ombré colourwork, then perhaps consider treating yourself to some ombré yarn. I've got my eye on a ball of Schoppel-Wolle Zauberball, Crème of Chocolate. Yum!



Guernsey woollens

In preparation for one of my early podcast episodes, I undertook some research on Guernsey's knitting and textiles history. The island is best known for its famous guernsey jumper. A guernsey is made from 100% wool and has a

distinctive box shape. The garment was – and still is – popular amongst fisherman because guernseys are warm and water-repellant. Guernsey jumper patterns were passed down through generations and each had their own unique twist.

While undertaking this research, I learned that Mary Queen of Scots was wearing white stockings, knitted in Guernsey, on the day she was executed. Also, it is (allegedly) illegal for men to knit during daylight hours in Guernsey! You can just see the headlines now: "Guernsey Man Arrested for Casting On a Toe-Up Sock..."

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting Guernsey Woollens, one of the island's guernsey manufacturers. A guernsey takes approximately 80 hours to knit by hand on tiny, double pointed needles. The demand for Guernsey Woollens' products is very high, so their guernseys are machine knitted. The patterns remain traditional thankfully, and all guernseys are finished by hand, making them hardwearing and unique.



TTFN

Martine XOX

Pick from the LK BLOG

Everywhere we look, we see signs of spring! From bugs and butterflies to rabbits and sheep, we've rounded up some of our favourite animal patterns over on www.letsknit.co.uk. These miniature beasts aren't creepy or crawly in the slightest!



Purplelinda Crafts

Love to Crochet

Get Set for Spring!

Knit or Crochet these lovely designs made in Cotton DK a lovely quality Mercerised Cotton from the Sirdar Design Studio



Visit us online for a large selection of Cotton Yarns

www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk

Get Knitted

...for all your knitting & crochet needs

Pattern
only
£3.00!



A wide range
of Winter yarns
and patterns in
stock!

Stockists of Rowan,
King Cole,
Stylecraft, Artesano,
Knitpro + more

In store loyalty
scheme

Amazing workshops

Open Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00

Saturday 10.00-5.00

39 Brislington Hill, Bristol BS4 5BE

0117 300 5211 www.getknitted.com

Katia

COTTON VINTAGE



Find more models, patterns and a list of shops
in you area on www.katia.com



info-uk@katia.com



EXCLUSIVE TO
**Let's
knit**

Pastel Perfection

*Achieve a classic look
with **Helen Ardley's** leaf
adorned neck piece*

**Touches of silver complement delicate pastel pink,
harking back to the elegance of generations past.**
This divine transeasonal scarf will easily complete any dainty
outfit and is the ideal project to see in the warmer evenings.
Perfect ladylike elegance!



meet our
DESIGNER

"Scarves are still big this year so
make this beautiful leaf-trimmed
accessory to decorate a new coat
ready for the spring."

HELEN ARDLEY

Measurements & sizes

12cm wide x 63cm including leaves

Knit Kit

Yarn: Rowan Cotton Glace, shade 845 Shell, two 50g balls

Needles: 3.25mm

Beads: Silver, size 6, one pack

Stitch holder

Tension Square

30 sts x 26 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Rowan Cotton Glace is 100% cotton, spun with a high twist and is available in 37 different shades!

Need an Alternative?

Rico Essentials Cotton DK is 100% mercerised cotton and machine washable. Pale Pink would be a good match for this project.

Let's Shop

Rowan Cotton Glace costs £5.50 per 50g (115m) ball from 01829 740903, www.laughinghens.com
Silver beads cost £3.50 per pack of 500 from 0115 855 1799, www.debbieabrahamsbeads.co.uk

Rico Essentials Cotton DK costs £2.49 per 50g (130m) ball from 01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com

Start knitting here

FIRST LEAF EDGING

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on two sts

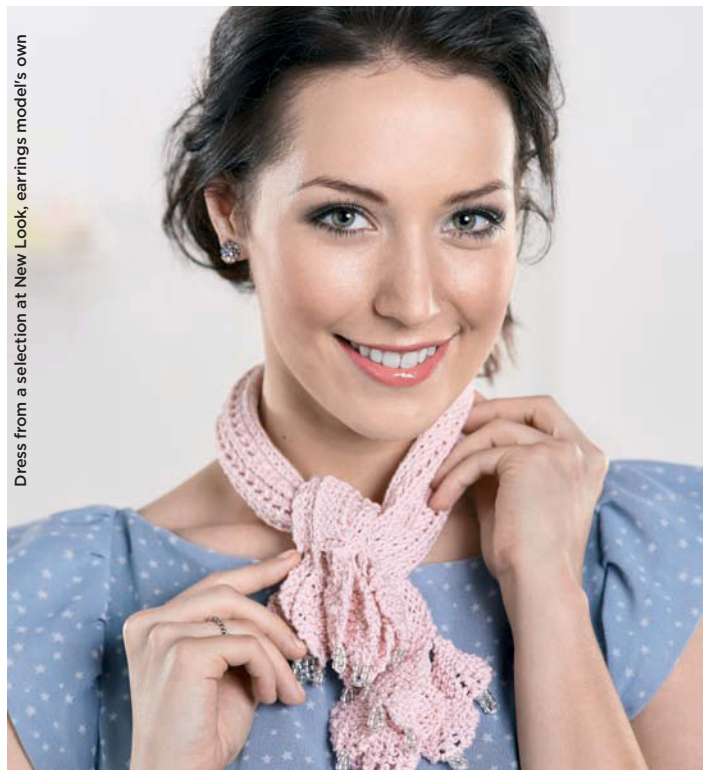
- ☐ * Row 1: k
- ☐ Row 2: k1, m1, k1. Three sts
- ☐ Row 3: k
- ☐ Row 4: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts
- ☐ Row 5: k
- ☐ Row 6: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 7: k
- ☐ Row 8: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1. Nine sts
- ☐ Rows 9-13: k five rows
- ☐ Row 14: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 15: k
- ☐ Dec as Row 14 on every alt row until three sts rem
- ☐ Next row: k
- ☐ Next row: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st *
- ☐ Place stitch on holder, cut yarn and put leaf to one side
- Work eight more leaves making adjustments as follows:
 - ☐ Work two more leaves as given above
 - ☐ Work two leaves from * to *, k three rows on rem st, place on holder
 - ☐ Work two leaves from * to *, k five rows on rem st, place on holder
 - ☐ Work two leaves from * to *, k eight rows on rem st, place on holder

JOIN LEAVES

- ☐ Return all leaves to needle in a random order. Nine sts

SCARF BODY

- ☐ K one row
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k5, m1, k2. 11 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p7, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k7, m1, k2. 13 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p9, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k3, yfwd, k2tog, p1, k3, m1, k2. 15 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p4, yrn, p2tog, k1, p4, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k4, yfwd, k2tog, p1, k4, m1, k2. 17 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p5, yrn, p2tog, k1, p5, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k1, (yfwd, k2tog, p1, k1) three times, m1, k2. 19 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p2, (yrn, p2tog, k1, p1) three times, p1, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k2, (yfwd, k2tog, p1, k1) three times, k1, m1, k2. 21 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p3, (yrn, p2tog, k1, p1) three times, p2, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k3, (yfwd,



Dress from a selection at New Look, earrings model's own

- k2tog, p1, k1) three times, k2, m1, k2. 23 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p4, (yrn, p2tog, k1, p1) three times, p3, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k4, (yfwd, k2tog, p1, k1) three times, k3, m1, k2. 25 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p5, (yrn, p2tog, k1, p1) three times, p4, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k1, (yfwd, k2tog, p1, k1) five times, m1, k2. 27 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p2, (yrn, p2tog, k1, p1) five times, p1, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, m1, k2, (yfwd, k2tog, p1, k1) five times, k1, m1, k2. 29 sts
- ☐ Next row: k2, p3, (yrn, p2tog, k1, p1) five times, p2, k2
- ☐ Next row: k5, (yfwd, k2tog, p1, k1) five times, k4
- The last two rows form patt
- ☐ Cont in patt until work meas 52cm
- ☐ Keeping patt correct dec one st at each end of row, two sts in from each edge, until nine sts rem
- ☐ Work three rows in garter st

SECOND LEAF EDGING

NOTE: each of the nine leaves on this edging is worked individually on one of the nine rem sts. The stalks vary in length depending on how many times Row 1 of the leaf pattern is worked

- ☐ K first st, turn, kfb, turn. Two sts
- ☐ Work as for * to * on First leaf edging
- ☐ Fasten off
- Work eight more leaves beg each leaf using one of the rem eight sts, making adjustments as follows, and

working leaves in a random order:

- ☐ Work two more leaves as given above
- ☐ Work two leaves, working Row 1 four times in total
- ☐ Work two leaves, working Row 1 six times in total
- ☐ Work two leaves, working Row 1 nine times in total

TAB

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on five sts

- ☐ Work in garter st until work meas 5cm
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Weave in all loose ends. Sew Tab vertically to RS of scarf at one end so that other end can pass through. Sew a loop of six beads to end of each leaf **LK**

knitwise

Cancelling confusion

This pattern uses both yarn forward (yfwd) and yarn round needle (yrn) directives. As these are both similar, remember that yard forward is used between knit stitches and yarn round needle is used between purl stitches, and also between a knit and a purl stitch.



***NEW* King Cole Authentic DK**

Contact: King Cole Ltd, Merrie Mills, Snaygill Ind Est, Keighley Rd,
Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 2QR, Website: www.kingcole.co.uk
Tel: 01756 703670, Fax: 01756 703680, Email: enquiries@kingcole.co.uk

Measurements & sizes

Height (including head feathers):
20.5cm

Beak to tail: 20.5cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Robin DK, (A) shade 040 White, one 100g ball, (B) shade 060 Acid Yellow, (C) shade 027 Silver Grey, (D) black DK, small amounts of each

Needles: 4mm

Safety toy stuffing

Tapestry needle

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Robin DK is a versatile acrylic yarn that's available in a fabulous selection of shades, from pastels to brights. It is machine washable but do check the instructions on your stuffing before chucking Elvis in the machine.

Need an Alternative?

Any DK yarn could be used for this project, so see what is hiding in your stash.

Let's Shop

Robin DK costs £1.39 per 100g (300m) ball from 01273 424529, www.thedroppedstitch.co.uk

"Robin DK is a lovely soft yarn that washes well and still manages to keep its shape."

LK Reader **Suzanna Barnes**

Elvis

Val Pierce's cheeky cockatoo is sure to be a hit with the whole family

This knitted critter is bursting with personality! He is really easy to knit, with a basic body piece and simple shapes for the details. He needs to be stuffed quite firmly but don't overstretch your stitches. The eyes are embroidered so he is safe for young children, but make sure all the pieces are very securely attached.

Start knitting here

BODY

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 4: * k1, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Row 6: * k2, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 40 sts
- ☐ Row 8: * k3, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 50 sts
- ☐ Cont to inc on every RS row as set until there are 70 sts
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work 33 rows in st st
- ☐ Next row: * k5, skpo, rep from * to end. 60 sts
- ☐ Next row and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Next row: * k4, skpo, rep from * to end. 50 sts
- ☐ Cont to dec as set on every RS row until 20 sts rem, ending after a WS row

- ☐ Next row: (k2tog) to end
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

TAIL

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- ☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are 24 sts
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ☐ Next row: k1, * yfwd, k2tog, rep from * to end
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 12 sts rem
- ☐ Cast off

knitwise

Get stuffed!

Elvis the Cockatoo has a cuddly round body and the secret is all in the stuffing. Using large clumps will make the finish lumpy, but if you use smaller pieces and tease them as you go, you'll get a nice, smooth look. You will also be able to build the stuffing up so it is nice and firm, without leaving any air pockets. The Feet, Tail and Top knot are all lightly stuffed, so again, use small pieces and make sure you push the filling right to the corners.



EXCLUSIVE TO
**Let's
knit**

Funky
playtime
pal!



meet our
DESIGNER

"Although the true cockatoo colours are white, yellow and grey, you could opt for a wild psychedelic look by using brightly coloured yarns from your stash. Why not make him in stripes, then add different coloured feathers on his head?"

VAL PIERCE

FEET (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are 20 sts
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are ten sts
- ☐ Cast off

TOP KNOT

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work ten rows in st st
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until four sts rem
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

WINGS (make two)

NOTE: worked in garter st throughout

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on three sts

- ☐ Row 1: k
- ☐ Inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are 15 sts
- ☐ Work six rows in garter st
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until five sts rem
- ☐ Cast off

HEAD FEATHERS

(make four)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 12 sts

- ☐ Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until two sts rem
- ☐ Next row: k2tog. One st
- ☐ Fasten off

TOP BEAK

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on three sts

- ☐ Working in st st and beg with a k (RS) row, inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are nine sts
- ☐ Next row: p
- ☐ Next row: * kfb in next st, k2, rep from * end. 12 sts

- ☐ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ☐ Rep last four rows once more. 16 sts
- ☐ Next row: * kfb in next st, k2, rep from * to last st, k1. 21 sts
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ☐ Cast off

LOWER BEAK

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on three sts

- ☐ Working in st st and beg with a k (RS) row, inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are 21 sts
- ☐ Next row: p
- ☐ Cast off

CHEEK SPOTS (make two)

NOTE: worked in garter st

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on five sts

- ☐ Row 1: k
- ☐ Inc one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until there are nine sts
- ☐ Work four rows in garter st
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until five sts rem
- ☐ Next row: k
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Weave in ends and join centre back seam of Body, stuffing firmly as you go. Fold Tail in half, join side seams and leave base open. Stuff lightly and close base. Sew Tail to back of Body. Fold Feet in half, join side seams leaving a gap, stuff fairly firmly and sew gap closed. Wrap a length of yarn C around centre of each foot and pull to form claws, secure with a few stitches. Pad Top knot with a little stuffing, then sew to top of head with cast-off edge facing front and leaving cast-on edge open. Attach Wings to side of Body. Sew seams of Head feathers. Place one on top of the other and pin in place, tucking base of feathers underneath open end of Top knot. Sew in place, curling Head feathers to create a nice shape. Sew Feet in place, angling them outwards to get bird to stand. Sew Beak pieces together, easing to fit and ensuring Top beak will overlap Lower beak when stuffed. Pin cast-off edge of Top beak in a



semi-circle shape on front of face. Add stuffing and shape, pulling end downwards to create a point. Pin cast-off edge of Lower beak in place and shape whole beak,

adding or removing stuffing where needed. Sew in place. Using black DK yarn embroider eyes, then sew Cheek spots to either side of face **LK**

"Why not get creative and adapt Elvis to make other feathered friends?"

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

**coming
next issue**

EXCLUSIVE DAISY MAY DOLL
KIT FROM AMANDA BERRY

May issue of Let's Knit on
sale Friday 17th April





 **Patons**



PBN0000-03979

Soft, lightweight and colourful
Patons Merino Extrafine Cotton DK

Make it

COATS

makeitcoats.com

knittingwool & yarn



Rico Essentials Cotton Glitz
DK 50g



Sirdar Beachcomber DK
50g



Sirdar Cotton Rich
Aran 100g



Hayfield Fiesta DK
100g



Sublime Cotton Silk
DK 50g

Unit 28, Crossways Shopping Centre, Hyde Road, Paignton, Devon TQ4 5BL
Telephone Orders Welcome ~ 01803 524402



Find us on Facebook

www.knittingwoolandyarn.co.uk

FREE UK
Delivery
on all orders
over £25



MANOS DEL URUGUAY

serena

NEW
SEASON
SHADES



A sophisticated blend of Baby Alpaca and Pima Cotton
hand dyed in a beautiful palette of soft colours

For stockists see:
www.roosteryarns.com

Or email:
sales@roosteryarns.com

Spring Green

Jump into April with Siân Brown's basketweave top

Whether you're looking for a new technique to try or want to attempt your very first garment, this pretty sweater is for you. The style is ideal for springtime, when the changeable temperatures mean you often have to alternate between layering up and wearing something a little lighter. It's also a fantastic introduction to the simple basketweave stitch – read our Knitwise panel on page 23 to find out more.

EXCLUSIVE TO

Let's
knit

meet our
DESIGNER

"The basketweave stitch is a very simple one to knit and the pure wool yarn gives it good definition. The shape is easy to wear on its own or with an additional layer for warmth."

SIÂN BROWN

Measurements & Sizes

Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18)

To fit chest (cm):

81 (86, 92, 97, 102, 107)

Actual chest (cm)

89 (96, 103, 110, 116, 123)

Length from shoulder (cm):

55 (56, 57, 58, 59, 60)

Sleeve length (cm): 15cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: **Bergere de France**

Bergereine, shade 29263

Granny, 10 (11, 12, 13, 13)

50g balls

Needles: 3.25mm, 3.75mm,

4mm

Stitch holders

Tension Square

21 sts x 28 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

4mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Bergere de France

Bergereine is spun from

50% wool and 50% cotton,

making it great for all-year

round knitting. Choose

from ten different shades.

Need an Alternative?

Rowan Wool Cotton DK is

another yarn made from a

50/50 blend of cotton

and wool. It has great

stitch definition and is

available in 26 colours.

Let's Shop

Bergere de France Bergereine

costs £4.05 per 50g (95m)

ball from 01273 508768,

www.cocoonknits.co.uk

Rowan Wool Cotton DK

costs £6.25 per 50g (113m)

ball from 0131 558 1747,

www.mcadirect.com

Start knitting here

BACK

** Using 3.25mm needles, cast on

105 (113, 121, 129, 137, 145) sts

□ Row 1: k2, [p1, k3] to last three sts, p1, k2

□ Row 2: p2, [k1, p3] to last three sts, k1, p2

□ Rep Rows 1-2 five times more

Change to 4mm needles

Work in patt as follows:

□ Row 1: k2, [p1, k3] to last three sts, p1, k2

□ Row 2: p2, k5, [p3, k5] to last two sts, p2

□ Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2

□ Row 7: as Row 1

□ Row 8: k3, [p3, k5] to last six sts, p3, k3

□ Row 9: k2, [p1, k3] to last three sts, p1, k2

□ Rows 10-11: rep Rows 8-9

□ Row 12: as Row 8

Rows 1-12 set patt

Change to 3.75mm needles

□ Work in patt for 8cm

Change to 4mm needles

□ Work in patt until Back meas

37cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

SHAPE ARMHOLES

□ Cast off 8 (8, 9, 9, 10, 10) sts at beg of next two rows. 89 (97, 103, 111, 117, 125) sts

□ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 87 (95, 101, 109, 115, 123) sts

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Rep last two rows 5 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8) times more. 77 (83, 89, 95, 101, 107) sts **

□ Work in patt until armhole meas 18 (19, 20, 21, 22, 23) cm, ending after a WS row

SHAPE SHOULDERS

□ Cast off 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts at beg of next two rows and 7 (8, 8, 9, 9, 10) sts at beg of foll two rows. 49 (53, 57, 61, 65, 69) sts

Place sts on holder

FRONT

□ Work as for Back from ** to **



Blouse, £28, Red Herring at Debenhams, Skirt, £12.99, TK Maxx

SHAPE LEFT NECK

□ Next row: patt 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38) sts, turn, work on these sts only

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Next row: patt to last two sts,

k2tog. 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37) sts

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Rep last two rows 13 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) times more. 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) sts

□ Work without shaping until armhole meas same as Back to

shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

□ Next row: cast off 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts, patt to end. 7 (8, 8, 9, 9, 10) sts

□ Work one row

□ Cast off

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

□ With RS facing, place 21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 31) sts on holder, rejoin yarn to rem 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38) sts, patt to end

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Next row: skpo, patt to end. 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37) sts

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Rep last two rows 13 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) times more. 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) sts

□ Work without shaping until armhole meas same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge

"If you have too many stitches to fit comfortably on straight needles when you're knitting the Neckband, try changing to a circular needle, but remember to knit the piece flat and not in the round."

LK Editorial Assistant **Molly Todd**

knitwise

Basketweave stitch

The appearance of this stitch is reminiscent of woven baskets, but it is actually created using a simple combination of knit and purl stitches. The repeat is worked across eight stitches, and it's easy for beginners to master, too. It's a good choice for any project, whether it's accessories or homewares such as blankets, and it adds a great texture to this finished garment.



Basketweave stitch is created using a simple combination of knit and purl stitches

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

- ☐ Next row: cast off 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts, patt to end. 7 (8, 8, 9, 9, 10) sts
- ☐ Work one row
- ☐ Cast off

SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 65 (65, 73, 73, 81, 81) sts

- ☐ Row 1: k2, [p1, k3] to last three

sts, p1, k2

- ☐ Row 2: p2, [k1, p3] to last three sts, k1, p2

☐ Rep Rows 1-2 three times more Change to 4mm needles

☐ Work in patt as given for Back **AT THE SAME TIME** inc one st at each end of fifth row once and every foll fourth row six times. 79 (79, 87, 87, 95, 95) sts

☐ Work without shaping until Sleeve meas 15cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

☐ Cast off 8 (8, 9, 9, 10, 10) sts at beg of next two rows. 63 (63, 69, 69, 75, 75) sts

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 61 (61, 67, 67, 73, 73) sts

☐ Next row: patt to end

☐ Rep last two rows 5 (5, 7, 7, 9, 9) times more. 51 (51, 53, 53, 55, 55) sts

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 49 (49, 51, 51, 53, 53) sts

☐ Work three rows in patt

☐ Rep last four rows four times more. 41 (41, 43, 43, 45, 45) sts

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last

three sts, k2tog, k1. 39 (39, 41, 41, 43, 43) sts

☐ Next row: patt to end

☐ Rep last two rows twice more. 35 (35, 37, 37, 39, 39) sts

☐ Cast off three sts at beg of next four rows. 23 (23, 25, 25, 27, 27) sts

☐ Cast off

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam

☐ Using 3.25mm needles, pick up and k 32 (32, 34, 34, 36, 36) sts

down left side of Front neck, k21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 31) sts from centre

Front neck, pick up and k 32 (32, 34, 34, 36, 36) sts up right Front

neck, k49 (51, 53, 55, 57, 59) sts

from Back neck holder. 134 (138, 146, 150, 158, 162) sts

☐ Next row: k

☐ Next row: k2, [p2, k2] to end

☐ Next row: p2, [k2, p2] to end

These two rows form 2x2 rib

☐ Work four more rows in 2x2 rib

☐ Cast off in rib

To make up

Join left shoulder and Neckband.

Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew

Sleeves into armholes,

easing to fit **LK**



Share
OUR PASSION

*The biggest & best selection of yarn,
fabric & needlecraft in the UK*



BlackSheepWools.com

The Warehouse Studios
Glaziers Ln, Culcheth
Warrington, WA3 4AQ

T. 01925 764231

E. customerservice@blacksheepwools.com

*Offer code cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer code. We reserve the right to withdraw the offer at any time.
Offer expiry 02/02/15.



10%* off
- your order -
code **LK91**

Spring FLING

Celebrate the new season with these gorgeous goodies



ON THE WING

Butterflies are delightful heralds of spring and with this scarf, you can enjoy them all year round. £7, F&F, **0330 123 4070**, www.tesco.com



ANIMAL MAGIC

These seed packs from Burgon and Ball will help you grow bees' favourite flowers. £7.95 each, **0114 233 8262**, www.burgonandball.com



Charmed Knitting has a vast range of themed markers; we love these spring designs. From £3.99, **01460 261215**, www.charmedknitting.co.uk

3 OF THE BEST 4ply yarns

Lighter than a DK, but not as fine as lace, there is more to 4ply than baby knits and socks. Rowan Finest is a sumptuous blend of merino, cashmere and royal alpaca, which costs £6.50 per 25g (87m) ball. Crystal Palace Mini Mochi has a lovely gradual self-stripe pattern; it comprises 80% merino and 20% nylon and costs £7.95 per 50g (166m) ball. Wendy Supreme Luxury Cotton 4ply is a mercerised cotton that makes great springtime knits. It costs £4.10 per 100g (267m) ball. All three yarns are available from **01782 862332**, www.cucumberpatch.com

SPONSORED BY



KITCHEN AID

This pretty jug is full of the joys of the season. It stands at 13.5cm tall, and there are smaller and large sizes available. £15, **02392 469400**, www.tch.net



© Photography: 2011, Alexandra Grablewski

FLOWER CHILD

Practice your Fair Isle skills with this adorable knitted dress from Fair Isle Flower Garden by Kathleen Taylor (2012 The Taunton Press). £5.99, www.thegmcgroup.com



DUCK TALES

Perfect for children's garments and ethical too, these little duckie buttons were handmade in Africa and can be machine washed. £4.95, **01539 823199**, www.craftdepartment.com

Enter the code **LKSPRING** on the Charmed Knitting website to get a free 'Spring is in the Air' marker set, worth £3.99. First 100 applicants only.



EASY LIVING

Handmade blooms are so versatile and the ones featured in Tash Bentley's book can be used for all sorts of projects. £9.99, www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk

BERGERE

DE FRANCE



Pattern 8
taken from our
magazine 178



visit
www.bergeredefrance.co.uk
for your nearest retailer

For trade enquiries, please contact:
service.export@bergeredefrance.com

For consumer enquiries, please contact:
hello@bergeredefrance.com



THE PREMIER WOOL & FIBRE FESTIVAL IN WALES

wonderwool wales
A festival of welsh wool and natural fibres

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April

Sat 10am - 5.30pm Sun 10am - 4.30pm

Tickets £9.00, Under 16's FOC

ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND

Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys LD2 3SY



ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk

enquiries@wonderwoolwales.co.uk

Tel: 01938 820495, 07980 913972 or 01873 821205



Celebrating
10 years

of quality
& innovation
in fiber tools

ChiaoGoo

chiaogoo.com | info@chiaogoo.com
uk distributors: hantex.uk.co | purlnova.uk.co
eusaes@chiaogoo.com (for German and French speaking inquiries)

- * Discounted Packs
- * Online Chat
- * Free Patterns
- * Free Exchanges
- * Needles & Accessories

www.wool4less.co.uk

**Spring
into
Cotton
Yarns**

10% OFF VOUCHER

Use coupon code SFLK15
(one use per customer)

Tel: 0845 003 0775

Email: enquiries@wool4less.co.uk



Vintage Flair

Step out in Pat Menchini's terrific textured knit this spring

Brighten up the gloomy April mornings in this vibrant cardigan using a fantastic thick and thin yarn. The textured yarn is surprisingly easy to work with and knits up fast. Great for layering on chilly days or complementing a classic tea dress as the sun comes out, this cardigan is sure to become your new spring staple.

EXCLUSIVE TO
Let's
knit



meet our
DESIGNER

"This cardigan is easy to knit and the yarn is both fascinating and fun to work with. It can be paired with almost anything."

PAT MENCHINI

Measurements & sizes

Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 16, 18)

To fit bust (cm):

81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107)

Actual bust approx (cm):

86 (97, 107, 117, 127, 137)

Length from shoulder approx (cm):

53 (54, 56, 57, 59, 60)

Sleeve length (cm):

44 (44, 44, 45, 45, 45)

Knit Kit

Yarn: King Cole Bamboozle, shade 1140 Heathers, 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6)

100g skeins

Needles: 5mm, 6mm

Stitch markers

Buttons: four

Tension Square

12 sts x 17 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

6mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

King Cole Bamboozle is a textured and variegated yarn comprising 48% bamboo, 44% wool and 8% acrylic. Available in ten bright, vibrant shades, this thick and thin yarn is fun to work with and produces an unusual effect.

Need an alternative?

Bergere de France Duvetine makes a good alternative. The effect is similar however you may need to go up a needle size - make sure you do a tension square first!

Let's Shop

King Cole Bamboozle costs £5.99 per 100g (140m) skein from 01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com

Bergere de France Duvetine costs £3.75 per 50g (70m) ball from 0845 544 2196, www.loveknitting.com

To get 15% off all orders at Love Knitting turn to page 2

15% OFF!

Start knitting here

BACK

Using 5mm needles, loosely cast on 49 (55, 61, 67, 73, 79) sts

□ ** Row 1 (RS): k2, (p1, k1) to last st, k1

□ Row 2: k1, (p1, k1) to end

These two rows set rib

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 14cm ending after a WS and inc four sts evenly across last row. ** 53 (59, 65, 71, 77, 83) sts

□ Change to 6mm needles and beg with a k row (RS) work 40 rows in st st

Pm at centre of last row

SHAPE ARMHOLES

□ Loosely cast off 2 (4, 5, 7, 8, 10) sts at beg of next two rows

□ Dec one st at each end of next five rows. 39 (41, 45, 47, 51, 53) sts

□ Cont without shaping until Back meas 16 (17, 19, 20, 22, 23) cm from marker measured through centre of work, ending after a p row

SHAPE SHOULDERS

□ Loosely cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 6) sts at beg of next four rows, then 4 (5, 4, 5, 6, 5) sts at beg of next two rows. 15

(15, 17, 17, 19, 19) sts

□ Cast off

RIGHT FRONT

Using 5mm needles, loosely cast on 23 (27, 29, 33, 35, 39) sts

□ Work as Back from ** to ** but inc 3 (2, 3, 2, 3, 2) sts evenly on last row.

26 (29, 32, 35, 38, 41) sts

□ Change to 6mm needles and beg with a k row (RS) work ten rows in st st

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

□ Next row (dec row): k1, k2tog tbl, k to end. 25 (28, 31, 34, 37, 40) sts

□ Work seven rows without shaping

□ Rep last eight rows until 22 (25, 28, 31, 34, 37) sts rem ending after a dec row

□ Work six rows without shaping (work five rows only here on Left front) ending at side edge

SHAPE ARMHOLE

□ Cast off 2 (4, 5, 7, 8, 10) sts at beg of next row

(On left front only now p one row)

□ Work five rows dec one st at

knitwise

Washing up!

Be careful when washing your cardigan as this yarn is hand-washable only. We suggest a process of soak, rinse and roll, taking care not to wring the cardigan or hang when wet.

armhole edge on every row and dec one st at front edge as before on next row. 14 (15, 17, 18, 20, 21) sts

□ Cont dec at front edge only as before on every fourth row from prev front dec until 12 (13, 14, 15, 16, 17) sts rem

□ Cont without shaping until work meas same as Back to shoulder shaping ending at armhole edge

SHAPE SHOULDER

□ Loosely cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 6) sts at beg of next row and foll alt row. 4 (5, 4, 5, 6, 5) sts

□ Work one row

□ Cast off

LEFT FRONT

□ Work as for Right front, working more or fewer rows where indicated and the front slope dec row as: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1

SLEEVES (make two)

Using 5mm needles, cast on 23 (25, 27, 27, 29, 29) sts

□ Work as Back from ** to ** but working in rib for 10cm only and inc 2 (2, 4, 4, 4, 6) sts evenly on last row. 25 (27, 31, 31, 33, 35) sts

□ Change to 6mm needles and beg with a k row (RS) work in st st shaping Sleeve by inc one st at each end of 7th (7th, 7th, 9th, 9th, 9th) row, then on every foll 8th (8th, 6th, 6th, 4th, 4th) row until there are 33 (35, 37, 39, 41, 49) sts, then on every foll 10th (10th, 8th, 6th, 6th, 6th) row until there are 37 (39, 45, 47, 51, 55) sts

□ Cont without shaping until Sleeve measures 44 (44, 44, 45, 45, 45) cm at centre, ending after a p row

SHAPE TOP

□ Loosely cast off 2 (4, 5, 7, 8, 10) sts at beg of next two rows

□ Work 0 (6, 4, 6, 6, 8) rows without shaping

□ Dec one st at each end of next row, then on every foll fourth row until 27 (25, 29, 27, 29, 29) sts rem, then on every foll alt row until 21 (21, 25, 23, 25, 25) sts rem



"We love this fun cardigan - the thick and thin yarn makes a brilliantly cosy effect!"

LK Editorial Assistant **Isobel Smith**



Necklace £8 part of a set from Marks & Spencer, dress from a selection at Superdry

- ☐ Dec one st at each end of every row until 11 (17, 15, 17, 19, 19) sts rem
- ☐ Cast off

FRONT BANDS

Join shoulders

Using 5mm needles, cast on seven sts

- ☐ Work a strip in rib as for Back to fit up Left front and round to centre back of neck allowing for rib to be slightly stretched

- ☐ Cast off in rib

- ☐ Mark position on band for four buttonholes, first to be in third/fourth rows, fourth to be level with, or just above top of

ribbed welt, and rem two spaced evenly between

- ☐ Work right border to match but working four buttonholes to match markers as folls:

- ☐ Row 1 (RS): rib 3, cast off two sts, rib 2 (including st on RH needle after cast-off)

- ☐ Row 2: rib to end, casting on two sts evenly over those cast off

To make up

Sew in Sleeve tops. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew on Front bands joining ends at back of neck. Sew on buttons **LK**

**coming
next issue**

SMART SUMMER CARDIGAN
BY PAT MENCHINI

May issue of Let's Knit on
sale Friday 17th April



Measurements & Sizes

40cm x 180 cm

Tension Square

21 sts x 18 rows
10cm x 10cm
over pattern
5mm needles

Knit Kit

Yarn: King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK, shade 609 Glacier, three 100g balls
Needles: 5mm

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK is a 50% bamboo-sourced viscose and 50% cotton blend which is machine washable and available in a range of colours. As it is made from 100% natural fibres, it is ideal for delicate skin.

Need an Alternative?

Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo DK is 80% bamboo sourced viscose and 20% wool. Shade 120 Deckster Blue is a great match to the King Cole hue. It's machine washable at 40°C but be careful not to tumble dry.

Let's Shop

King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK costs £5.03 per 100g (230m) ball from 0800 488 0708, www.deramores.com

To get 15% off all orders at Deramores, turn to the back cover.

15% OFF!

Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo DK costs £3.29 per 50g (95m) ball from 01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com

Bamboo Beauty

Be prepared whatever the weather with Julie Ferguson's spring staple

The erratic spring weather can bring surprise gusts and welcome sun-kissed afternoons so prepare yourself with this essential spring accessory. Light enough to take with you in the day and long enough to wrap around you in the chilly evenings, this delicate scarf will become your new favourite.

Start knitting here



Using 5mm needles, cast on 85 sts

□ Row 1: k1, * yfwd, ssk, k7, k2tog, yfwd, k1, rep from * to end of row

□ Row 2: * p1, yrn, p1, p2tog, p5, p2tog tbl, p1, yrn, rep from * to last st, p1

□ Row 3: k1, * yfwd, k2, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2, yfwd, k1, rep from * to end

□ Row 4: * p1, yrn, p3, p2tog, p1, p2tog tbl, p3, yrn, rep from * to last st, p1

□ Row 5: k1, * yfwd, k4, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k4, yfwd, k1, rep from * to end

□ Row 6: * p4, p2tog tbl, yrn, p1, yrn, p2tog, p3, rep from * to last st, p1

□ Row 7: k1, * k2, k2tog, k1, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k1, ssk, k3, rep from * to end

□ Row 8: * p2, p2tog tbl, p2, yrn, p1, yrn, p2, p2tog, p1, rep from * to last st, p1

"This cosy shawl will be invaluable as we spend more time outdoors this spring, and we love that the yarn is made entirely of natural fibres"

LK Editorial Assistant **Isobel Smith**

□ Row 9: k1, * k2tog, k3, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k3, ssk, k1, rep from * to end

□ Row 10: p2tog tbl, * p4, yrn, p1, yrn, p4, p3tog, rep from * to last 11 sts, p4, yrn, p1, yrn, p4, p2tog

□ Rep Rows 1-10 15 more times
Leave sts on needle

□ Work second half to match

□ K one row

Leave sts on needle

□ Graft sts together using Kitchener st (see page 94)

To make up

Block shawl carefully to enhance the lacy pattern, pinning out scallops at each end and along each side **LK**

knitwise

Different Directions

As some of the stitches in this pattern lean in different directions, it's important to be aware of the difference between ssk, k2tog, p2tog and p2tog tbl. Ssk is achieved by slipping the next two stitches knitwise one at a time, bringing the LH needle

through the two stitches and knitting them through the back loop. K2tog is achieved by simply knitting two stitches together. P2tog is purling two stitches together. P2tog tbl is completed by purling two stitches together through the back loops.

VERSATILE SPRING SHAWL



meet our
DESIGNER

"This delicate lace shawl is worked in two halves to keep the pretty scalloped edge. Once you've done a few rows it's easy to see the pattern taking shape in the bamboo yarn"

JULIE FERGUSON

EXCLUSIVE TO
**Let's
knit**

Dress
it up or
down



coming
next issue

LOVELY LACY WRAP
BY LYNNE ROWE

May issue of Let's Knit on
sale Friday 17th April



Planning AHEAD

We find out what exciting events and activities will be happening on Yarn Shop Day 2015!

Saturday 2nd May isn't that far away, and craft stores nationwide are putting their plans in place for a day to remember. Yarn Shop Day 2015 has already attracted some fabulous new faces and the Love Your Yarn Shop message is spreading across the country. We catch up with just some of our participating stores to find out what's afoot.



Rockin' Beads, Okehampton, Devon

Stop by this creative hub to find pretty beading supplies, nestled alongside heaps of lovely yarns. Choose from Bergere de France, Patons, DMC and Erika Knight, or buy the lot – and more! On Yarn Shop Day there'll be a Cake, Coffee and Crochet day, plus 10% off all yarn purchases for all of you who wish them a 'Happy Yarn Shop Day'!

01837 657614, www.rockinbeads.co.uk



Meet our new mascots!

Sparkle Mouse was so popular last year that this year we have two mascots! For the knitters Sue Stratford has designed Little Sheep, whilst Janine Holmes has created a cute crochet mouse. The patterns are only available from participating stores, so pop in on the day to get yours.



Emms & Sew Much More, Droitwich, Worcestershire

Knitters and stitchers will be in their element browsing the wonderful selection of crafty treats on offer here. There are exciting yarns from King Cole, Katia, AdriaFil and James C. Brett, plus all your must-have notions and accessories, ensuring you'll be all set for your next project. Sewing fans won't want to miss the amazing fabric section! 01905 778381, www.emmshaberdashery.co.uk

Folly Fabrics, Bampton, Oxfordshire

This scenic village is not just one of the filming locations for Downton Abbey, it is also the home to a fabulous haven of yarns, fabrics and more. One the day there'll be knitting and crochet taster sessions, great in-store offers and a free prize draw – not to mention lots of cake! 01993 852544, www.follyfabrics.co.uk



Knit Knacks, Hitchin, Hertfordshire

Save money on your favourite brands with a special one-day sale just for Yarn Shop Day! Customers will also be treated to free tea, coffee and cake, while they browse fabulous yarns from Debbie Bliss and Sirdar, as well as KnitPro needles, crochet hooks and beautiful buttons. **01462 422000, www.knitknacksyarn.co.uk**



The Good Wool Shop, Formby, Merseyside

This brand new store is an exciting addition for local crafters. "There was nowhere to buy cotton, buttons or ribbons, or natural yarns," says owner Isabel Jordan. "I dreamt of running a yarn shop - there could be only one outcome!" Visitors can find gorgeous yarns ranging from Rowan and Blacker, to Robin and Patons. When better to visit than on Yarn Shop Day? **01704 830465, www.thegoodwoolshop.co.uk**



Owner Isabel and former yarn store owner Irene Gunn

Undy YarnCrafts, Chepstow, Monmouthshire

Whether you're a knitter, spinner or crochet fan, this store has all your favourite brands, from King Cole and Wendy to KnitPro and more, plus gorgeous fibres, including some lovely British breed wools. The first 30 purchasing customers on Yarn Shop Day, will get a goody bag worth up to £25. A whole raft of yarns and fibres will be on offer, plus there'll be machine knitting demonstrations, and lots of expert advice. **07732 860415, www.undyarns.co.uk**



Knitting Pretty, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire

The 2nd of May isn't just Yarn Shop Day, it also marks the unveiling of a new knitting corner! The shop sells yarns from Debbie Bliss, King Cole, Stylecraft, and many more top brands. "We're having a sale on some great yarns, and all non-sale stock will have 10% off," reveals owner Diane Watson. "Every customer on the day will have the chance to win a voucher to use on their next visit!" **01423 869338, www.facebook.com/knittingknaresborough**



Cottontail Crafts, Settle, North Yorkshire

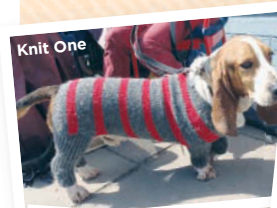
There isn't just one Yarn Shop Day at this crafty haven, events are taking place on the 2nd, 5th and 6th May! Local spinner Josie will be showing off her skills and there will be over 100 goody bags up for grabs. Each one will include a 10% discount voucher to use in June. There'll also be lots of yarn discounts in store, plus we've heard rumour of another top secret event, so watch this space! **01729 822946, www.cottontailcrafts.co.uk**



Dawn from Thomas B Ramsden and owner Sue Amphlett (right)

Magic memories

Held on Saturday 3rd May 2014, last year's Yarn Shop Day was a huge success, with cakes, discounts, workshops and more!



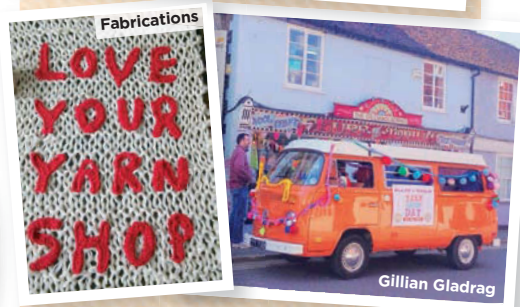
Knit One



City Knits



Sitting Knitting



Find out if your nearest shop is involved! Visit www.letsknit.co.uk or check out our directory on pages 79-84. Look out for our interactive online map, coming soon!

Whigmaleerie Crafts, Eyemouth, Berwickshire

Yarn Shop Day sees the launch of a fabulous new charity project, as customers are invited to knit Twiddle Muffs for local dementia patients, which provide stimulation for restless hands. The store also stocks treats from Sirdar, King Cole, Frangipani, and Cygnet, amongst others, plus a selection of handspun yarns from local fleeces. **01890 750444, www.facebook.com/whigmaleeriecrafs**

EXCLUSIVE TO

Let's
knit

Shopping Spree

*Go green with Monica
Russel's reusable bag*

Perfect for groceries or as a bright and cheery handbag, this eye-catching shopper is a really speedy knit. The yarn is made from recycled T-shirt fabric and is super chunky – the whole bag is just 23 stitches wide! If you enjoy sewing, why not make a cotton lining to help your bag hold its shape?



meet our
DESIGNER

"This colourful item was a fun to make. Using thick yarn means that it's a quick project, too."

MONICA RUSSEL

Measurements & sizes

31cm x 32cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Hooooked Zpagetti, (A) shade Lime Green, (B) shade Fuchsia Pink, one cone of each

Needles: 10mm

Tapestry needle

Tension Square

6.5 sts x 10 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

10mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Hooooked Zpagetti is a T-shirt yarn made of 92% recycled cotton and 8% mixed fibres that are leftover from the fashion industry. As this yarn is from recycled fabrics, the shades come in very small batches, so you may not be able to find an exact match for the colourways featured here.

Need an Alternative?

Hoopla Yarn is a similar yarn that is also made from recycled cotton fabrics. It comes in bold bright shades or patterned effects.

Let's Shop

Hooooked Zpagetti cost £9.99 per 120m cone from 01254 708068,

www.minervacrafts.com

Hoopla Yarn costs from £7 per 100m cone from www.creative-you.co.uk

Start knitting here

BAG PANEL

NOTE: worked in one piece, carry yarn up side of work when changing colour

Using 10mm needles and yarn A, cast on 23 sts
□ Row 1: * k1, p1, rep from * to last st, k1

This row sets moss st

□ Rows 2-3: as Row 1

□ Row 4: moss 7, cast off eight sts, moss to end

□ Row 5: moss 8, cut yarn, rejoin yarn to sts on LH needle, cable cast on nine sts, slip last st on RH needle back on to LH needle, p2tog, moss to end of row

□ Rows 6-7: beg with a k row, work in st st

** Change to yarn B

□ Rows 8-9: k

Change to yarn A

□ Rows 10-15: beg with a k row, work in st st **

□ Rep from ** to ** twice more

Change to yarn B

□ Rows 32-33: k

Change to yarn A

□ Row 34: k

□ Rows 35-38: work in moss st

□ Row 39: p

□ Rows 40-63: rep from ** to ** three times

Change to yarn B

□ Rows 64-65: k

Change to yarn A

□ Row 66: k



- Row 67: p
- Rows 68-69: as Rows 4-5
- Rows 70-72: as Rows 1-3
- Cast off

To make up

Weave in ends. Sew up side seams using mattress stitch LK

"As the yarn is so chunky, you may find it tricky to weave in the yarn tails, so use a sewing needle and matching thread to make sure the ends are really secure"

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

knitwise

Stretching exercise

As this yarn is made from recycled fabrics, you might find that some of the yarns are made from stretchy materials. If this is the case, it is really important to do a tension square. You may be tempted to pull the yarn tightly as it is so chunky, but if you pull too firmly while knitting, when you let go of the yarn, it will try to return to its original form and cause your knitted fabric to curl up. Conversely, you don't want too loose a tension or you'll end up with holey work, so make sure you practice before you begin.

coming next issue

JANE BURNS' COLOURFUL CAMPING STOOL

May issue of Let's Knit on sale Friday 17th April



designeryarns



La Paz



designeryarns



DYP206 from the DY Choice single leaf pattern range.
For details of the complete DY Choice range please visit:
www.designeryarns.uk.com/dy-choice



Measurements & Sizes

Squares (approx): 20cm x 20cm
24-square blanket: 124cm x 84cm
12-square blanket: 84cm x 64cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Rico Design Essentials Merino Aran (A) shade 040 Sage, (B) shade 012 Orchid, three 50g balls of each (C) shade 025 Petrol, two 50g balls, (D) shade 020 Light Grey, (E) shade 015 Fuschia, three 50g balls of each, (F) shade 050 Pistachio, four 50g balls of each

NOTE: The above amounts are for the 24-square blanket. To make 12 squares, use two balls of each

Needles: 5mm

Cable needles: two

Tapestry needle

Tension Square

18 sts x 24 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
5mm needles

Special Abbreviations

CN1: make one cob nut – k1 leaving st on LH needle, yfwd, k1 into same st, drop st from LH needle

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Rico Design Essentials Merino Aran is a soft and smooth, 100% merino wool yarn that comes in a fabulous colour range. It can be machine washed at 30°C so is practical too!

Need an Alternative?

King Cole Merino Blend Aran is a 100% superwash wool yarn that's available in a great selection of shades.

Let's Shop

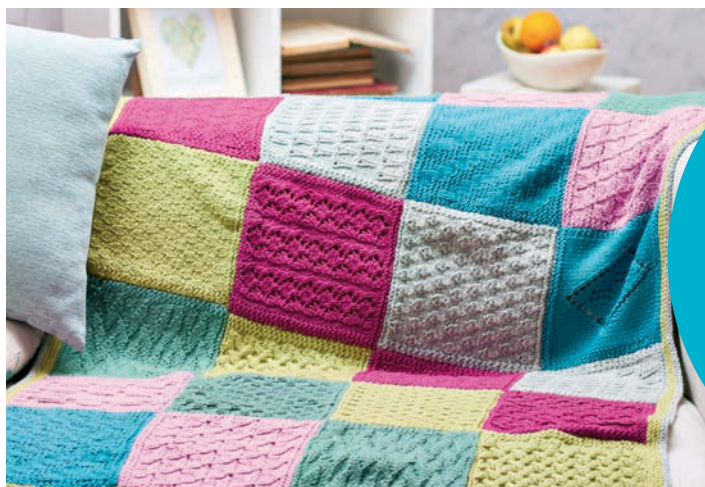
Rico Design Essentials Merino Aran has an RRP of £3.99 per 50g (100m) ball. Get yours from www.thewoolloft.co.uk
King Cole Merino Blend Aran costs £3.15 per 50g (80m) ball from 01924 565740, www.woolstuff.co.uk

Secret Garden

Get the next two squares in our exclusive knitalong!

Learn two new textured stitches in this instalment of our knitalong blanket.

Eiffel tower stitch uses eyelets combined with knit and purl stitches, while Cob nut stitch involves knitting into one stitch twice – see our Special abbreviations for how to do it. Don't forget to keep us up-to-date with your progress on Facebook and Twitter and use the hashtag #LKsecretgarden for reference. Look out for the next two squares in the May issue, on sale Friday 17th April!



Missed an instalment?
All six will be available to buy individually from our website at the end of the project!

Start knitting here

EIFFEL TOWER STITCH

Using 5mm needles and yarn D, cast on 36 sts

□ Work three rows in garter st, inc three sts evenly across last row. 39 sts

□ Row 1 (RS): k3, p4, * yrn, p2tog, p2, rep from * to last four sts, p1, k3
□ Row 2: k7, * p1, k3, rep from * to last four sts, k4

□ Row 3: k3, p4, * k1, p3, rep from * to last four sts, p1, k3

□ Rows 4-7: rep Rows 2-3 twice more

□ Row 8: k

□ Row 9: k3, p2, * yrn, p2tog, p2, rep from * to last six sts, yrn, p2tog, p1, k3

□ Row 10: k5, * p1, k3, rep from * to last six sts, p1, k5

□ Row 11: k3, p2, * k1, p3, rep from * to last six sts, k1, p2, k3

□ Rows 12-15: rep Rows 10-11 twice more

□ Row 16: k

These 16 rows set patt

□ Rep Rows 1-16 until work meas 19cm, ending after a Row 8 or 16

□ Work three rows in garter st, dec three sts evenly across first row. 36 sts

□ Cast off



COB NUT STITCH

Using 5mm needles and yarn D, cast on 36 sts

□ Work three rows in garter st, inc one st in centre of last row. 37 sts

NOTE: stitch count changes throughout

□ Row 1 (RS): k3, p3, * CN1, p3, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 51 sts

□ Row 2: k6, * p3, k3, rep from * to last three sts, k3

□ Row 3: k3, p3, * k3, p3, rep from * to last three sts, k3

□ Row 4: k6, * p3tog, k3, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 37 sts

□ Row 5: k3, p to last three sts, k3

□ Row 6: k

□ Row 7: k3, p1, * CN1, p3, rep from * to last five sts, CN1, p1, k3. 51 sts

□ Row 8: k4, * p3, k3, rep from * to last seven sts, p3, k4

□ Row 9: k3, p1, * k3, p3, rep from * to last seven sts, k3, p1, k3

□ Row 10: k4, * p3tog, k3, rep from * to last seven sts, p3tog, k4. 37 sts

□ Row 11: k3, p to last three sts, k3

□ Row 12: k

These 12 rows set patt

□ Rep Rows 1-12 until work meas 19cm, ending after a Row 4 or 10

□ Work three rows in garter st, dec one st at centre of first row. 36 sts

□ Cast off **LK**

Win a collection of knitting goodies worth over £200!



The fabulous bundle above, including luxury yarns, wooden needles, handy notions, hundreds of patterns and a pretty storage bag could all be yours!

All you have to do is let us know which knitting yarns, products, stores and websites are your favourites and deserve a place in the British Knitting Awards 2015. Use the form below and send it to **British Knitting Awards 2015, Marketing Dept, 21-23 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY** or enter online at www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards by the closing date of 17th May and you'll automatically be entered into the prize draw.

The British Knitting Awards are run annually by *Let's Knit* and *Let's Get Crafting* magazines. They're entirely voted for by readers and online visitors so this is your chance to give your knitting heroes the recognition they deserve! Once all the nominations are in, a shortlist of the most popular yarns, stores, designers and accessories will be put together ready for the voting stage. Nominate now to make sure your favourites won't be left out!



NOMINATE HERE OR GO ONLINE TO WWW.LETSKNIT.CO.UK/BRITISHKNITTINGAWARDS

YOUR NOMINATIONS: YARNS:

- Best baby yarn brand
- Best independent yarn brand
- Best value yarn brand
- Best luxury yarn brand
- Best sock yarn brand
- Best overall yarn brand
- Best British yarn

RETAILERS:

Best Local Independent Yarn Store (tick region and insert name of shop below)

- ☐ North of England
- ☐ Wales
- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Ireland
- ☐ South East of England
- ☐ South West of England
- ☐ Midlands

Best chain/multiple store

Best pattern house

ONLINE:

- Best online shop
- Best yarn-based blog
- Best website

KNITTING PRODUCTS:

- Best knitting needle range
- Best accessories range
- Best ready-to-use knit kits
- Best book (2015)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Best knitting show/event 2015
- Best knitting designer

YOUR DETAILS:

- Title..... Initial.....
- Surname.....
- Address.....
- Postcode.....
- Tel number.....
- Email.....
- Signature.....
- Date.....

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO
BRITISH KNITTING AWARDS 2015, MARKETING
DEPT, 21-23 PHOENIX COURT, HAWKINS ROAD,
COLCHESTER, ESSEX, CO2 8JY**

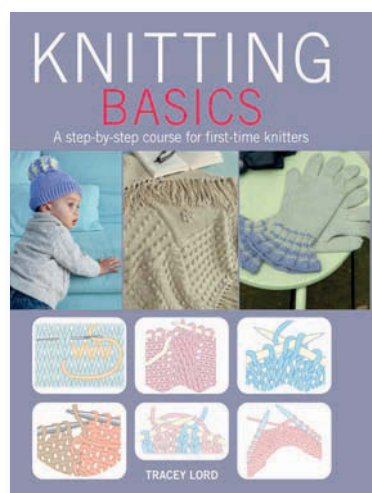
CLOSING DATE: 17TH MAY 2015

TERMS & CONDITIONS: All entries will be entered into the prize draw which is open to all UK residents aged 18 or over, excluding employees or agents of the associated companies and their families. Only one entry per person. The prize is the knitting bundle as shown and cannot be exchanged for cash, or replaced with any other item. Entries must be on the coupon or online form provided (no purchase necessary). Illegible entries and those that do not abide by these terms and conditions will be disqualified. No responsibility will be held for entries lost, delayed or damaged. All entries become the property of Aceville Publications Limited. Entries will be selected at random within two weeks of the closing date. No correspondence will be entered into. CLOSING DATE: 17th May 2015. Winner will be notified by post, phone or email. The winner's name will be available in writing on request from Marketing Dept, 21/23 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex CO2 8JY.

Your details will be processed by Aceville Publications Limited, (publishers of Let's Knit magazine) in full accordance with data protection legislation. Aceville Publications Limited and sister companies may wish to contact you with information of other services and publications we provide which may be of interest. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐ From time to time Aceville Publications Limited will share details with other reputable companies who provide products and services that may be of interest to you. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐

THE Bookshelf

Our pick of the best current books, blogs and more!



KNITTING BASICS

Tracey Lord
(£14.99, CICO Books)

This book runs through all the basic equipment and skills that knitters need to know. For each stitch or technique it teaches, a workshop follows so you can put your newly learnt skill into practice. So if you're new to the wonderful world of knitting and want to learn in your own time, this book is a fantastic investment. You'll be an expert in no time! **0207 025 2200, www.rylandpeters.com**



LK SAYS: great for learning and for reference



YOUTUTORIAL KNITTING

Tessa Eveleigh
(£7.99, Carlton Books)

Not all of us are lucky enough to be taught to knit by our mothers and grandmothers. Thankfully, in this day and age, YouTube comes to the

rescue. This book is a guide to the best YouTube instructional videos from basic to complex skills and includes entire patterns to practice. Here's a bit of gossip... Tessa is also the author of the Great British Sewing Bee book, so she seriously knows her crafts. **0207 612 0400, www.prionbooks.co.uk**



TEN POEMS ABOUT KNITTING

Various authors (£4.95, Candlestick Press)

This divine collection of knitting-inspired poems is essential when curling up with a cup of tea in the sunny afternoons. It comes in the style of a greetings card, along with an envelope and bookmark for your message, and will be far more appreciated than your average card. We think this pamphlet is perfect for someone in your knitting circle or a newcomer to the hobby. **0115 967 4455, www.candlestickpress.co.uk**



We also LOVE...

BLOG LITTLE COTTON RABBITS

www.littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk

This heartwarming blog is a solid LK favourite.



Balancing the struggles of raising a severely autistic son with divine photography, lovely projects and a deep appreciation of knitting as therapy, Julie's posts never fail to brighten up the day.

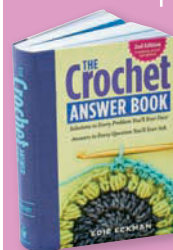
BLOG TRAVEL KNITTER

www.travelknitter.com

Travelknitter is a brilliant mix of knitting with a healthy dose of travel. Written by the lovely Larissa, the blog chronicles her life between Melbourne and London, her knitting projects and her international trips.



Pick up a skill!



THE CROCHET ANSWER BOOK

Edie Eckman (£10.99, Storey Publishing)

Have you ever tried crocheting but found yourself totally lost? This clever little book has the

answers to all of your crochet questions. Whether you're new to the craft or just in a need of a few tips and tricks to make you a pro, this is a worthwhile investment. **01395 232166, www.wordery.com**

Silver Dollar

Prepare for the warmer weather with Anniken Allis's feminine jumper

Spring is well and truly here, so it's time to put away the bulky sweaters and start work on those lighter knits in preparation for summer. Whether you team it with a floral dress or your favourite pair of jeans for a more casual look, this lace top is just right for those long fine days. The majority of this garment is worked in the round, but watch out for when you divide for the Front and Back as you will then be working back and forth in rows.



meet our
DESIGNER

"This sweater is worked in the round from the bottom up to the underarm. Stitches are picked up for the sleeves which are worked from the top down with short rows to shape the caps. There is lace detail on the yoke with the rest of the sweater worked in stocking stitch."

ANNIKEN ALLIS

Start knitting here

Measurements & Sizes

Dress size (approx):

8 (10-12, 14-16, 18-20)

To fit chest (cm):

81 (86-91, 97-102, 107-112)

Actual chest (cm):

86.5 (95.5, 106.5, 115.5)

Length (cm):

56 (58, 59.5, 60.5)

Knit Kit

Yarn: Rowan Summerlite 4ply, shade 418 Washed Linen, 5 (5, 6, 7) 50g balls

Needles: 3.25mm (80cm) circular

Stitch markers

Stitch holders

Tension Square

22 sts x 34 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

Special Abbreviations

working wraps tog with sts on a k row: sl st to RH needle, lift wrap to LH needle, return st to LH needle and k2tog

working wraps tog with sts on a p row: insert RH needle pwise into st then into wrap and p2tog

ssp: sl two sts kwise, sl them back to the LH needle and p2tog tbl

About the Yarn

Rowan Summerlite 4ply is spun from 100% cotton and is new for 2015. Choose from a summer palette of 12 different shades.

Need an Alternative?

DMC Natura Just Cotton is another pure cotton yarn with a matte finish. With over 50 colours to choose from, you're sure to find the right one for you.

BODY

Using 3.25mm circular needle, cast on 190 (210, 234, 254) sts, join into the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd

☐ Rnd 1: p

☐ Rnd 2: k

☐ Rep Rnds 1-2 twice more

SHAPE WAIST

☐ Next rnd: * k23 (26, 29, 32), k2tog, pm, k45 (49, 55, 59), pm, ssk, k23 (26, 29, 32) * pm, rep from * to * once more. 186 (206, 230, 250) sts

☐ Work in st st for seven rnds

☐ Next rnd: * k to two sts before first marker, k2tog, sm, k to second marker, sm, ssk, k to third marker, sm, rep from * once more. 182 (202, 226, 246) sts

☐ Rep last eight rnds four times more. 166 (186, 210, 230) sts

☐ Work in st st for ten rnds

☐ Next rnd: * k to marker, m1, sm, k to second marker, sm, m1, k to third marker, sm, rep from * once more. 170 (190, 214, 234) sts

☐ Work in st st for seven rnds

☐ Rep the last eight rnds five times more. 190 (210, 234, 254) sts

☐ Cont in st st until Body meas 38.5 (39.5, 39.5, 39.5) cm

Place next 95 (105, 117, 127) sts on holder for Front

BACK

NOTE: Back is worked back and forth in rows instead of in the rnd

☐ ** Cast off 6 (7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 83 (91, 101, 109) sts

☐ Next row (RS): k2, ssk, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 81 (89, 99, 107) sts

☐ Next row (WS): p2, p2tog, p to last four sts, p2tog tbl, p2. 79 (87, 97, 105) sts

☐ Rep last two rows a further 1 (1, 2, 3) times and RS dec row 0 (1, 1, 1) times more. 75 (81, 87, 91) sts

☐ P 0 (1, 1, 1) row

☐ Next row (RS): k1 (4, 1, 3), work Row 1 of Chart, working patt rep 6 (6, 7, 7) times in total, k1 (4, 1, 3)

☐ Next row and all foll WS rows: p

☐ Keeping placement of Chart correct, work through all 23 rows of Chart

☐ Next row: p

☐ Work Rows 1-11 of Chart once more, working all WS rows as p to end **

☐ Next row: beg with a p row, work in st st until Back meas 55.5 (57.5, 59, 60) cm, ending after a WS row

"Remember that when working stocking stitch in the round, you have to knit every round instead of alternating between knit and purl rows."

LK Editorial Assistant **Molly Todd**

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

☐ Next row: k21 (23, 26, 27), turn, work on these sts only as folls:

☐ Next row: p1, p2tog, p to end. 20 (22, 25, 26) sts

☐ Next row: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 19 (21, 24, 25) sts

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

☐ Next row: p12 (16, 18, 20), w&t

☐ Next row: k

☐ Next row: p6 (8, 9, 10), w&t

☐ Next row: k

☐ Next row: p to end, working wraps tog with sts

Place all sts on holder

SHAPE LEFT NECK

Place 33 (35, 35, 37) sts on holder for Back neck, rejoin to rem 21 (23, 26, 27) sts at neck edge

☐ Next row: k

☐ Next row: p to last three sts, ssp, p1. 20 (22, 25, 26) sts

☐ Next row: k1, ssk, k to end. 19 (21, 24, 25) sts

☐ Next row: p

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

☐ Next row: k12 (16, 18, 20), w&t

☐ Next row: p

☐ Next row: k6 (8, 9, 10), w&t

☐ Next row: p

☐ Next row: k to end, working wraps tog with sts

Place all sts on holder

FRONT

NOTE: Front is worked back and forth in rows instead of in the rnd

Rejoin yarn to sts from

Front holder

☐ Work as Back from ** to ** **AT THE SAME TIME** when Front



Let's Shop

Rowan Summerlite 4ply costs £3.74 per 50g (175m) ball from 01173 005211, www.getknitted.com

DMC Natura Just Cotton costs £2.99 per 50g (155m) ball from www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk

meas 44 (45, 45.5, 46) cm, ending after a WS row, shape neck as folls:

SHAPE LEFT NECK

- ☐ Next row (RS): patt 26 (28, 31, 32) sts, turn, place rem 49 (53, 56, 59) sts on holder, work on the first set of sts only as folls:
- ☐ Next row (WS): p1, p2tog, p to end. 25 (27, 30, 31) sts
- ☐ Next row: patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 24 (26, 29, 30) sts
- ☐ Rep last two rows twice more. 20 (22, 25, 26) sts
- ☐ Next row: p1, p2tog, p to end. 19 (21, 24, 25) sts
- ☐ When Chart rows are completed, beg with a p row, work in st st until Front matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending after a RS row

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

- ☐ Next row: p12 (16, 18, 20), w&t
- ☐ Next row: k
- ☐ Next row: p6 (8, 9, 10) w&t
- ☐ Next row: k
- ☐ Next row: p to end, working wraps tog with sts
- Place all sts on holder

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

- Leave centre 23 (25, 25, 27) sts from left neck shaping on holder, rejoin yarn to rem 26 (28, 31, 32) sts
- ☐ Next row: patt to end
- ☐ Next row: p to last three sts, ssp, p1. 25 (27, 30, 31) sts
- ☐ Next row: k1, ssk, patt to end. 24

(26, 29, 30) sts

- ☐ Rep the last two rows twice more. 20 (22, 25, 26) sts
- ☐ Next row: p to last three sts, ssp, p1. 19, (21, 24, 25) sts
- ☐ When Chart rows are completed, beg with a p row, work in st st until Front matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

- ☐ Next row: k12 (16, 18, 20), w&t
- ☐ Next row: p
- ☐ Next row: k6 (8, 9, 10), w&t
- ☐ Next row: p
- ☐ Next row: k to end, working wraps tog with sts
- Place all sts on holder
- Join shoulders seams by using three-needle cast off method (see Knitwise)

SLEEVES (make two)

- ☐ Using 3.25mm circular needle, beg at underarm with RS facing, pick up and k 6 (7, 8, 9) sts from underarm, 34 (35, 37, 38) sts to shoulder, 34 (35, 37, 38) sts to underarm, 6 (7, 8, 9) sts from underarm, join work into the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd. 80 (84, 90, 94) sts

NOTE: The first part of the Sleeve is worked back and forth in rows instead of in the rnd

- ☐ Row 1: k54 (56, 60, 62), w&t
- ☐ Row 2: p28 (28, 30, 30), w&t
- ☐ Row 3: k to wrapped st, k wrap tog with st, w&t
- ☐ Row 4: p to wrapped st, p wrap tog with st, w&t
- ☐ Rep Rows 3-4 until 11 (13, 15, 17) sts rem

- ☐ Next row: k to wrapped st, k wrap tog with st, k1, w&t.
- ☐ Next row: p to wrapped st, p wrap tog with st, p1, w&t
- ☐ Rep last two rows until only underarm sts rem unworked

NOTE: Sleeve is now worked in the rnd instead of in rows

- ☐ Work 20 rnds in st st
- ☐ Next rnd: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1
- ☐ Work five rnds in st st
- ☐ Rep last six rnds 9 (9, 7, 7) more times. 60 (64, 74, 78) sts
- ☐ Cont in st st until Sleeve meas 30 (31, 31.5, 32.5) cm from underarm
- ☐ Next rnd: p
- ☐ Next rnd: k
- ☐ Rep last two rnds once more
- ☐ Next rnd: p
- ☐ Cast off

NECKBAND

- ☐ Using 3.25mm circular needle, beg at left shoulder with RS facing, pick up and k 28 (31, 33, 35) sts to Front neck, k23 (25, 25, 27) sts from Front neck, pick up and k 28



Clothing credit: Top £7.99 H&M, Skirt £12.99 T.K. Maxx, necklaces models own

- (31, 33, 35) sts to right shoulder, pick up and k five sts to back neck, k33 (35, 35, 37) sts from Back neck, pick up and k five sts to left shoulder, join work into the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd. 122 (132, 136, 144) sts
- ☐ Rnd 1: p

- ☐ Rnd 2: k
- ☐ Rep Rnds 1-2 once more
- ☐ Next rnd: p
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Weave in all loose ends. Block to measurements **LK**

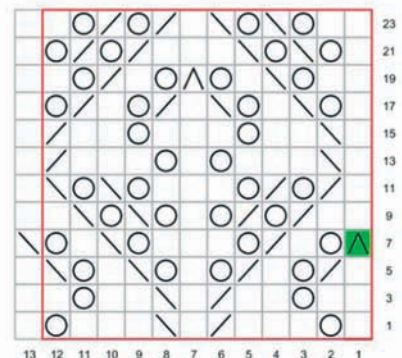
knitwise

Three-needle cast off

The Front and Back of this project are worked separately, so the three-needle cast off method is the ideal way to join the two pieces while also finishing off the shoulders at the same time. Holding the Front and Back pieces of your work together with RS facing and the stitches evenly distributed, insert a third needle into the first stitch from both the Front and Back pieces. Knit these two stitches together and repeat for the second pair of stitches. Pass the first stitch on the RH needle over the second, just as you would for a normal cast-off. Continue like this for the rest of the row until only one stitch remains and fasten off.

KEY

- work as k2tog in first pattern repeat
- knit
- yfwd
- k2tog
- ssk
- sl 1, k2tog, pss0
- pattern repeat





Pattern 9143

Malabar aran
cotton with silk



Stylecraft

For your nearest stockist
telephone 01535 609798

Stay up-to-date



www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

Jump into



SPRING!

Find out what's new in the knitting world for spring/summer 2015

The days are getting longer, the frosts are no more, and there's a subtle hint of warmth in the air. There's only one explanation: spring has finally sprung! With the change of year upon us, it's time to discover what exciting releases are coming to a yarn store near you. Whether you prefer lightweight or chunky knits, bright colours or quirky ribbon yarns, you're sure to find just the thing to kick off the season in style.

Fabulous
summer
fibres from
Rowan



Pattern 7282 in Beachcomber DK by Sirdar

Simply Sirdar

With seven yarns unveiled this season, including two from **Hayfield**, you will certainly be spoilt for choice from **Sirdar Beachcomber DK**, **Cotton Rich Aran** and **Cotton 4ply** all channel the trend for colourful cotton yarns, and if you're looking for something a bit different, check out **Kasha**, their 300g ball of slubby yarn. It comes complete with the pattern to make your own throw! Head to www.sirdar.co.uk for more details.

Seven
brand new
yarns from
Sirdar

RADIANT ROWAN

Rowan is releasing a trio of yarns, starting with **Tetra Cotton**, a unique cotton yarn that's spun from four harmonious hues. **Summerlite 4ply** is a delightfully soft cotton yarn, and **Cotton Lustre** has a wonderful drape thanks to the blend of cotton, linen and modal fibres. All three yarns have brilliant pattern support, with projects from top Rowan designers such as Martin Storey and Sarah Hatton. www.knitrowan.com has the full selection.



Pattern Ran in Cotton Lustre, from the Cotton Lustre collection

Seriously chunky!

If you're a fan of bulky knits, you'll love **Cygnets** yarn **Seriously Chunky Mixes**. A brand new member of the already popular range of Cygnets Chunky yarns, the six bold tones with their subtle, variegated colourways will certainly make a statement this season – and they're machine-washable, too! Have a look at www.cygnetyarns.com for further details.



New patterns from Debbie Bliss!



Shell Patterned Slipover from Debbie Bliss Delphi

PURE BLISS

Always a classic choice for any knitter, there are three additions to the **Debbie Bliss** family. **Eco Baby Prints** and **Rialto DK Prints** introduce multi-tonal colourways and variegated effects to the already popular Eco Baby and Rialto ranges. **Delphi** is a ribbon yarn that knits up quickly and has fantastic stitch definition – don't forget to pick up a copy of the accompanying pattern book! For more information, visit www.designeryarns.uk.com

Cotton and silk in an aran weight!

Pattern 9143 in Malabar Aran by Stylecraft



Tropical days

New from **Stylecraft** is **Malabar Aran**, a sumptuous blend of 78% cotton with 22% silk for a touch of added luxury. With 12 charming colours to choose from, varying from tropical brights to more muted tones, there is also a wonderful selection of accompanying patterns. For stockists, call 01535 609798 or go to www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

BEACH DREAMS

Spanish spinner **Katia** has launched several new yarns this season, with all of them emphasising lightweight knits in bright summer shades – we're particularly fond of **Tahiti Beach** and **Tahiti Spray**, two colourful tape yarns made from 100% cotton. If you love to crochet, then you'll adore **Amigurumi Cotton**, which comes in handy packs of teeny-tiny 10g balls. For stockists, go to www.katia.com



Pattern 10 from Woman 81 in Tahiti Beach by Katia

Summer sparkle

Bergere de France are known for their elegant designs and exquisite yarns, and 2015 looks set to continue that trend. Their latest yarn, **Reflet**, is a luscious 4ply yarn with a subtle shimmer running throughout, perfect for adding a hint of glamour to your projects. As always, their latest Knitting Magazine 178 contains a fabulous array of irresistible patterns and designs. Check out www.bergeredefrance.co.uk for more.



OFF TO NEVERLAND

Sister companies **Wendy** and **Peter Pan** have both enchanted us with new yarns this spring! **Merino Baby 4ply** is the latest addition to the much-loved range of Peter Pan baby yarns and is available in four pretty pastels. **Supreme Luxury Cotton Silk DK** is a gorgeous combination of silk and cotton – as the two fibres absorb the dye in different ways, the nine shades have a lovely speckled effect. Visit www.tbramsden.co.uk for details.



Pattern 5896 in Supreme Luxury Cotton Silk DK by Wendy

JUST NATURAL

Can't get enough of chunky yarn? **DMC** have introduced **Natura XL**, a versatile yarn that's a fabulous choice for both quick knits and fast crochet projects. Made from 100% cotton with a subtle, matte appearance, its extensive range of 60 colours are all inspired by the beauty of the natural world. To find a local stockist, take a look at www.dmccreative.co.uk



Pattern 152391/2 in Natura XL by DMC

New chunky cotton in 60 colours!

COLOUR MAGIC

Drawing on the prominent summer trends for colourful shades and lightweight, cotton yarns, German company **Rico** have launched a number of Fashion yarns this season. We're taken with the rainbow-inspired **Colour Touch Summer**, **Colour Pop DK** and **Fantasy DK**, perfect for knitters and crocheters alike. Visit www.rico-design.de/en/home for all of their latest releases.



Pattern 309 in Fashion Colour Pop DK by Rico

Magic Manos

A sophisticated blend of baby alpaca, Pima cotton and hand-dyed in a beautiful palette of soft colours, **Serena** by **Manos del Uruguay** is now available in six new shades that are perfect for the season. Keep an eye out for their the accompanying range of patterns – you'll be ready for the warmer weather in no time! Have a look at www.roosteryarns.com for your local stockist.



Hand dyed heaven!

Flower corsage

Measurements & sizes

Finished flower: 15cm in diameter

Knit Kit

Yarn: (A) Passionfruit Purple, (B) Coconut White, free with this issue of Let's Knit

Needles: 4mm
Tapestry needle

Tension Square

22 sts x 28 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
4mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

This yarn has been spun and dyed exclusively for Let's Knit. It knits to a DK tension and should be handwashed to preserve your project.

Need an alternative?

King Cole Dollymix DK is another acrylic yarn that comes in hand 25g balls. Personalise your corsage by choosing from 30 shades.

Let's Shop

King Cole Dollymix DK costs 75p per 25g (73m) ball from 0115 947 4239, www.knitnottingham.co.uk

Let's Get Digital!

Looking for more flower patterns to keep you crafting throughout spring? We have over 350 free downloads over on the Let's Knit website, including floral brooches, a daffodil teacosy and a crochet flower scarf. What are you waiting for? Head over to www.letsknit.co.uk today!



Jazz up your outfit by making this quirky flower corsage using the yarn from your FREE kit. A versatile piece of knitwear, you could pin it to your favourite top, add it to your knitting bag, or even turn it into a hair accessory! A quick-knit design that can be made in next to no time at all, the individual petals make this project very portable, perfect for popping in your bag when you're out and about.

Start knitting here

LARGE PETAL

(make six)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on five sts

- ☐ Row 1: sl 1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 2: sl 1, p to last st, k1

- ☐ Row 3: sl 1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. Nine sts
- ☐ Rows 4-7: rep Rows 2-3 twice more. 13 sts
- ☐ Row 8 and all WS rows: sl 1, p to last st, k1
- ☐ Row 9: sl 1, k to end

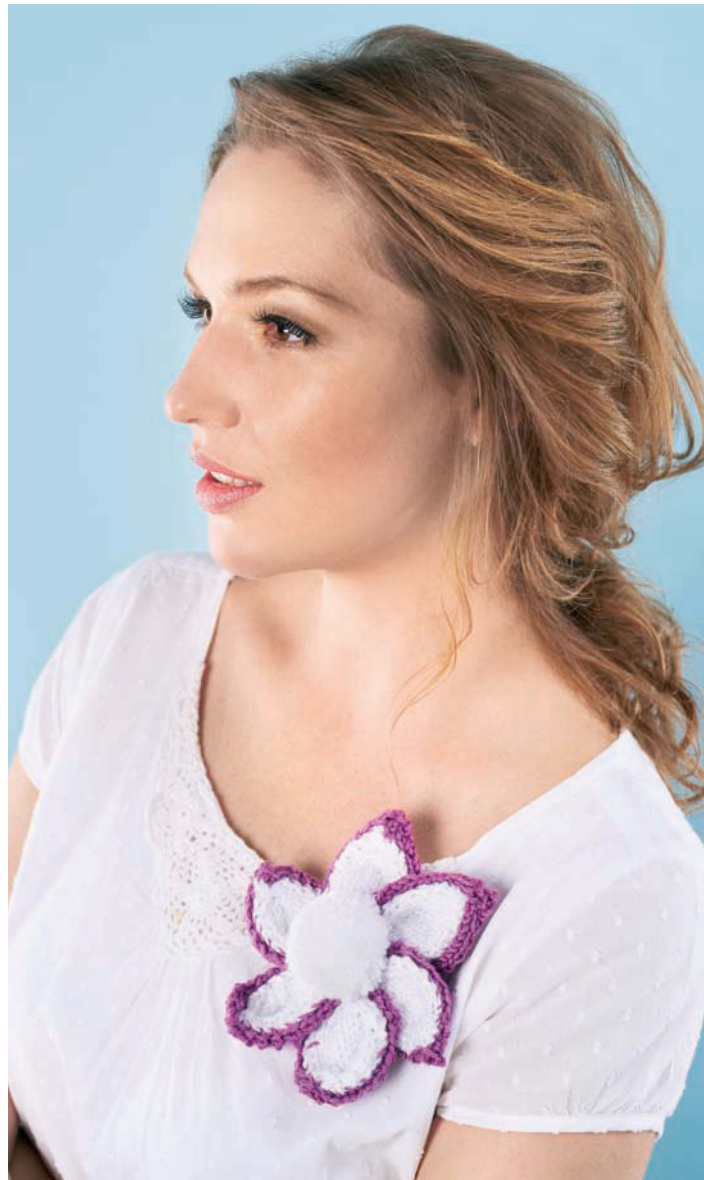
- ☐ Row 11: as Row 9
- ☐ Row 13: k1, skpo, k7, k2tog, k1. 11 sts
- ☐ Row 15: k1, skpo, k5, k2tog, k1. Nine sts
- ☐ Row 17: k1, skpo, k3, k2tog, k1. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 19: k1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1. Five sts
- ☐ Row 21: k1, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k1. Three sts
- ☐ Row 22: p2tog. One st
- ☐ Fasten off

SMALL PETAL

(make six)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on four sts

- ☐ Row 1: sl 1, (kfb) twice, k1. Six sts
- ☐ Row 2: sl 1, p to last st, k1
- ☐ Row 3: sl 1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. Eight sts
- ☐ Rows 4-5: rep Rows 2-3. Ten sts
- ☐ Row 6: sl 1, p to last st, k1
- ☐ Row 7: sl 1, k to end
- ☐ Rows 8-9: rep Rows 6-7
- ☐ Row 10: as Row 6
- ☐ Row 11: k1, skpo, k4, k2tog, k1. Eight sts
- ☐ Row 12 and all WS rows: as Row 6
- ☐ Row 13: k1, skpo, k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts
- ☐ Row 15: k1, skpo, k2tog, k1. Four sts
- ☐ Row 17: (k2tog) twice. Two sts
- ☐ Row 18: p2tog. One st
- ☐ Fasten off



To make up

Place a Small petal on top of a Large petal and stitch in place around edges. Repeat with all petals. Using yarn A, sew a running stitch through base of one petal, then second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth petals. Pull yarn to gather bases into a tight circle. Overlap edges of petals and secure with a few small stitches. Make a pompom using yarn B and stitch securely in centre of flower **LK**

coming up in the NEXT ISSUE OF... *Let's* knit

YOUR FREE GIFT

**FREE yarn kit
and pattern!**
*Fabulous Amanda
Berry Design!*

ADORABLE
DOLL TO
START
TONIGHT

INCLUDES:

- Three balls of exclusive yarn
- Two buttons

BONUS baby
bootees pattern by
Susie Johns



PLUS **FREE** booklet:
Amanda Berry Toy Collection
– 10 cute characters to knit!



Lacy poncho



Fab sock patterns



Stylish throw

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

- Gorgeous spring garments
- Exclusive socks from Marina Orry and Rachel Coopey
- Knitalong blanket: part 5!
- Yarn Shop Day preview

AND MUCH MORE!



LEARN A NEW
STITCH WITH
SIÂN BROWN'S
COOL CARDI



Baby onesie

Why not take up a trial to Let's Knit with 3 issues for just £6! go to www.letsknit.co.uk/LKN15T



Star LETTER

I am an avid toy knitter and every month I look forward to the original and unique patterns in every issue. In June of last year, my 89 year old mother fell and broke her hip. She underwent a successful operation and recovered, but shortly afterwards she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Since then it has been my honour to care for her, moving from my home in Ireland to live with her. With the aid of your colourful patterns, top tips and interesting articles, my mother and I have grown very close, and we pour over every issue of Let's Knit together. Many of the patterns bring back wonderful memories for both of us: they take my mother back to her days of knitting and dressmaking, and they remind me of my first faltering attempts at the craft. Let's Knit has become such a good friend to me, a pal I can confide in day and night as I peruse the pages and read letters and articles to my mother.

Thank you Let's Knit for the pleasure you have brought us.

Lou O'Sullivan

Thank you for your letter, Lou. It's wonderful to hear that you and your mother take so much pleasure from our magazine. We hope you both enjoy your Star Letter prize!



STOP & SHARE

STORIES AND MAKES GALORE FROM OUR WONDERFUL READERS

HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE MADE:



"Space Invaders from LK83"
Michelle Innes



Star make

"Bride and groom"
Kate Nellar



WE ASKED YOU ON FACEBOOK:



What are your favourite summer projects to knit?

27% of you said lacy accessories

19% of you said lightweight garments

15% of you said colourful homewares

39% of you said cute critters



"Finished at last - from issue 11 of Let's Knit!"
Anne Harris



"My first ever jacket. Been knitting for just over a year!"
Neil Forrest



WE ASKED ON TWITTER...

What do you love the most about your local yarn shop?

HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID:

The friendship, all the gorgeous yarn and the happy colours around me.

@EbonyVillefort

Friendly staff, fabulous choice of yarn including the scrummy Titus - and now coffee and cake in the café, too!

@Sherlock_knits

The best thing about my local yarn shop is being amongst like-minded people!

@plutoniummuffin

The range and smell of yarn, the choice of colours, the "welcome back" smiles, the comfy chairs and the coffee!

@bluebirdaniellen

When visiting Bournville, yarn lovers should head for City Knits - the staff are friendly and filled with knowledge!

@Dee_Jiteful_Yau

Woolly Minded in Newcastle is amazing for friendly advice and help when choosing yarns.

@andyshoestring

WIN!

Our Star Letter this month has won eight balls of Sirdar Cotton Rich Aran.



This month's Star Make has won six balls of Sirdar Snuggly Spots.

Tip

OF THE MONTH

"Make notes of alterations you make to patterns, such as sleeve length and time taken to finish the project. It's a handy reference if you knit the pattern again."

Monica Gilbert

PRINTED TIPS WIN A £10 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT BLACK SHEEP WOOLS



Why I love my local yarn shop

"I love Crafty Stitches in Northwich. The shop has lovely assistants that can help you with any problems. I have even sent my friends there as I knew the staff would help them start knitting!"

Emma Lea

Let us know why you love your local yarn shop by emailing molly.todd@aceville.co.uk



"My first Fair Isle Hat"
Lesley Humphreys



"Socks to keep my feet warm!"
Linda Rumsey

"R2D2!"
Karen Inglis



"A pair of booties" **Cheryl Monguzzi**



PINS AND NEEDLES

What would spring be without some fabulous flowers? While those real-life beauties might not last forever, it's easy for us knitters to craft some that will! Follow our board on Pinterest for some more inspiration.



repeatcrafter.me.com



skiptomylou.org



indulgy.com

[Pinterest.com/letsknitmag](https://www.pinterest.com/letsknitmag)

Get in touch

Send us photos of your makes, tell us about your experiences, share tips or answer questions and polls.



molly.todd@aceville.co.uk



[Facebook.com/letsknitmag](https://www.facebook.com/letsknitmag)



[Twitter.com/letsknitmag](https://twitter.com/letsknitmag)



Send tips and letters to
Let's Knit, 1 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road,
Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY

TEA Break

SETTLE DOWN WITH A CUPPA TO READ, RELAX AND TEST YOUR KNITTY KNOWLEDGE!

Wordplay

We've jumbled up three knitting-related words or phrases. Can you work out what they are?

ink plots (8)
antique sensor (7, 6)
lop fury (4, 3)

LET'S KNIT'S QUICK QUIZ

How much do you know about your favourite hobby? Take our fun quiz to find out!

1. In 2010, a herd of sheep paraded down which famous London street?
2. A lifeline is commonly used in which type of knitting?
3. What process is used to make cotton yarns strong and shiny?
4. What is the special children's garment designed by Elizabeth Zimmerman?
5. Which English cricketer has been learning to knit whilst on the Australian version of I'm A Celebrity?

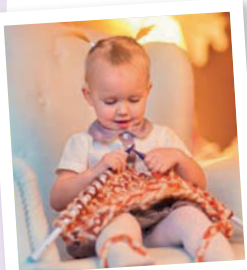
NAME THAT YARN

Here are three clues to our mystery yarn. Is it one that's in your stash?

- A summery blend of cotton, polyamide and acrylic
- It's a thick and thin slub textured yarn, giving a fabric with opaque and lace sections
- It's great for elegant springtime garments



Check out the answers below to see how many you got right!



Caption competition

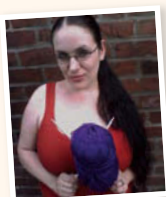
Email molly.todd@aceville.co.uk with your caption and we'll publish the winning entry in our next issue!

Here's our favourite caption from last issue

"And then he just knocked the stuffing out of me"
Congratulations to **Joy Brunskill**



PURLS OF WISDOM



By Claire Thomas

Signs of the bad knitter mother

It's important life skills, not neglect, I tell myself as I teach the toddler to tidy up the disaster zone he leaves in his wake. If he can fetch his own squash and get a Petits Filous out of the fridge then he will grow up to be an adult who can care for himself, and more, importantly, will never have the painful experience of standing on a hidden Duplo block like I did regularly before I had this excellent idea. More importantly, it means I can finish another couple of rows while I supervise him, before bathing the two youngest means that I no longer have two hands free.

I know, I'm a good knitter, bad mother. My children cuddle balls of stray yarn and wear stitch markers as earrings during dress-up games while I get to the next repeat on a lace cowl for myself.

We got a baby changing unit for the baby so that we didn't have to

"Surely the toddler's burgeoning fascination with fibre craft is opening his little mind up to the great adventure of creativity."

change him on a mat on the floor. I promptly nicked it to keep my yarn in. There is no saving me. The eldest can make himself a sandwich and play with the little ones so that I can browse Ravelry, chucking patterns into my queue in abandoned delight. Some parents do arts and crafts with their kids. In our house, felt tip pens

and finger paints languish unopened. I caught the toddler trying to cast on to a silver crayon last week. In the absence of a maternal unit waving the latest baby Einstein toys under his nose, the baby has become unreasonably attached to a hank of purple Debbie Bliss Cashmere left over from a long-completed project. Maybe I would have tried a bit harder to wrest it from his fat little hands if I actually needed it for something. As it is, I'm telling myself that it's helping to develop his tactile sense. And anyway, it's good for them to play independently sometimes, without my input, and to see me pursuing my own interests, instead of always being at their beck and call.

Actually, there's something in that. Surely I am teaching my children something just by lying on the sofa knitting with my feet up. Surely the baby's tactile sense is as actively developed by grabbing at his beloved hank of cashmere as it would be by the latest tactile toy. Surely the toddler's burgeoning fascination with fibre craft is opening his little mind up to the great adventure of creativity, of using sticks and string to enact what's in your head - spring leaves reimagined as a cosy cowl,

fingerless gloves in sunset stripes. And that, surely, is just as much artsy-crafty as finger painting, making clothes out of pillow cases or anything else that Pinterest might suggest is The Thing to do with your preschoolers this week. (And believe me, it doesn't matter how artisan it is, your kids would still prefer to bashing bits of plastic together in front of all-day CBeebies like at Grandma's.) By role modelling my own fascination with all things yarn, I am prompting my little ones to understand that here there is pleasure, and joy, and imagination, and succeeding. At this rate, one day, they might find me more interesting than Lego.

Claire Thomas is a freelance journalist and founder of Stitch 'n' Bitch group, Knit Pickers



How did you do?

Quick Quiz: 1. Saville Row, 2. lace knitting, 3. mercerisation, 4. The Baby Surprise Jacket, which is worked all in one piece. 5. Andrew (Freddie) Flintoff **Word Play:** 1. slipknot, 2. tension square, 3. four ply Name that yarn: King Cole Optum

EXCLUSIVE TO

lets
knit

Oliver

Make Jane Burns' warm, cuddly friend for your favourite little person

Make a new beloved hand-me-down as a special gift for a young one with this classic scruffy teddy. Oliver is safe for small children and combines both knitting and sewing to create a well-loved teddy which will become an instant family favourite.



meet our
DESIGNER

"You don't need to be precise when sewing on Oliver's patches - the tattier he looks, the better!"

JANE BURNS

Measurements & sizes

Sitting height: 17cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: West Yorkshire Spinners Aire Valley DK, (A) shade Grey, (B) shade Cream, one 100g ball of each, oddment of 4ply black yarn
Needles: 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm double-pointed
Safety toy stuffing
Stitch markers
Felt: cream, light grey
Grey sewing thread and needle

Tension Square

24 sts x 30 rows
 10cm x 10cm
 Stocking stitch
 3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn



West Yorkshire Spinners Aire Valley DK is a 75% wool and 25% nylon blend which is machine washable and available in a range of colours and prints.

Need an Alternative?

For an acrylic alternative to the wool rich blend used for Oliver, try Sirdar Snuggly DK which comprises 55% nylon and 45% acrylic. It's washing machine and tumble dryer friendly which is perfect for when Oliver needs a wash!

Let's Shop



West Yorkshire Spinners Aire Valley DK has an RRP of £4.75 per 100g (230m) ball. For stockists: 01535 664500, www.wyspinners.com
 Sirdar Snuggly DK costs £2.79 per 50g (165m) ball from 01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com

Start knitting here

HEAD

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn A, cast on six sts, distribute evenly over three dpns, join into the rnd, taking care not to twist

- ☐ Rnds 1-2: k
- ☐ Rnd 3: * k1, m1, rep from * to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Rnd 4 and all even-numbered rnds: k
- ☐ Rnd 5: * k2, m1, rep from * to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Rnd 7: * k3, m1, rep from * to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Rnd 9: * k4, m1, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Rnd 11: * k5, m1, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- ☐ Rnd 13: * k6, m1, rep from * to end. 42 sts
- ☐ Rnd 15: * k7, m1, rep from * to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Rnd 17: * k8, m1, rep from * to end. 54 sts
- ☐ Rnds 18-20: k
- ☐ Rnd 21: * k7, k2tog, rep from * to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Rnd 22 and all even-numbered rnds up to rnd 32: k
- ☐ Rnd 23: * k6, k2tog, rep from * to end. 42 sts
- ☐ Rnd 25: * k5, k2tog, rep from * to end. 36 sts

- ☐ Rnd 27: * k4, k2tog, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- Add stuffing to Head
- ☐ Rnd 29: * k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Rnd 31: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Rnd 33: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Rnd 34: (k2tog) six times. Six sts
- Add more stuffing
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

BODY

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn A, cast on 24 sts, distribute evenly over three dpns, join into the rnd, taking care not to twist

- ☐ Rnds 1-2: k
- ☐ Rnd 3: * k4, m1, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Rnds 4-5: k
- ☐ Rnd 6: * k5, m1, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- ☐ Rnds 7-8: k
- ☐ Rnd 9: * k6, m1, rep from * to end. 42 sts
- ☐ Rnds 10-11: k
- ☐ Rnd 12: * k7, m1, rep from * to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Rnds 13-14: k

knitwise

Safety first!

If you plan on giving Oliver to a toddler or baby, ensure that all felt patches are sewn on well and will not become a choking hazard. It is also important to use safety stuffing as instructed and check that the wool in the suggested yarn will not upset sensitive skin.

- ☐ Rnd 15: * k8, m1, rep from * to end. 54 sts
- ☐ Rnds 16-17: k
- ☐ Rnd 18: * k9, m1, rep from * to end. 60 sts
- ☐ Rnds 19-24: k
- ☐ Rnd 25: * k8, k2tog, rep from * to end. 54 sts
- ☐ Rnd 26 and all even numbered rnds up to rnd 32: k
- ☐ Rnd 27: * k7, k2tog, rep from * to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Rnd 29: * k6, k2tog, rep from * to end. 42 sts
- ☐ Rnd 31: * k5, k2tog, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- ☐ Rnd 33: * k4, k2tog, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Rnd 34: (k2tog) 15 times. 15 sts
- ☐ Rnd 35: (k2tog) seven times, k1. Eight sts
- ☐ Cast off

FOOT AND LEG

(make two)

Note: start at centre of Foot

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn B, cast on six sts, distribute evenly over three dpns, join into the rnd, taking care not to twist

- ☐ Rnd 1: k
- ☐ Rnd 2: (kfb) six times. 12 sts
- ☐ Rnd 3: * (kfb) three times, k3, rep from * once. 18 sts
- ☐ Rnd 4: * (kfb) three times, k6, rep from * once. 24 sts
- ☐ Rnd 5: * (kfb) three times, k9, rep from * once. 30 sts
- ☐ Rnd 6: * (kfb) three times, k12, rep from * once. 36 sts
- ☐ Rnd 7: * (kfb) three times, k15, rep from * once. 42 sts
- ☐ Rnd 8: k
- Cut yarn B and change to yarn A
- ☐ Rnds 9-10: k
- ☐ Rnd 11: k20, k2tog, k20. 41 sts
- ☐ Rnds 12-15: k
- ☐ Rnd 16: (k2tog) four times, k to last two sts, k2tog. 36 sts
- ☐ Rnd 17 and all odd-numbered rnds: k



CHARMING SCRUFFY TEDDY



- ☐ Rnds 18, 20, 22: (k2tog) four times, k to last two sts, k2tog. 21 sts
- ☐ Rnds 23-32: k
- ☐ Cast off

ARMS (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 14 sts, distribute evenly over three dpns, join into the rnd taking care not to twist

- ☐ Rnds 1-13: k
- ☐ Rnd 14: (k3, m1) four times, k2. 18 sts
- ☐ Rnds 15-17: k
- ☐ Rnd 18: k2tog, k5, ssk, k2tog, k5, ssk. 14 sts
- ☐ Rnd 19: k
- ☐ Rnd 20: k2tog, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3, ssk. Ten sts
- ☐ Rnd 21: k2tog, k1, ssk, k2tog, k1, ssk. Six sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

Secure with sewn sts

EARS (make four)

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn A cast on 11 sts

- ☐ Rows 1-4: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 5: k1, sl 1, k1, psso, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Nine sts

- ☐ Row 6: p1, p2tog, p to last three sts, p2tog, p1. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 7: as Row 5. Five sts
- ☐ Row 8: p1, p3tog, p1. Three sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of legs and pull tight to gather, stuff Feet, fold at top of leg to close flat and sew closed. Lightly stuff Arms and sew tops closed. Sew running stitch around cast on edge of Head and pull tight to gather, sew Legs and Arms to Body. Sew running stitch around the cast-on edge of Head and pull tight to gather. Sew in place. Using image as a guide, cut piece of cream felt and grey felt and sew pieces into place. Sew on mouth. With WS facing, place two Ear panels together and sew around outer edge to join, stuffing lightly before closing. Darn in ends. Sew to Head. Using strand of black 4ply yarn, embroider eyes using French knots, stitch on eyebrows. Weave in all ends. Cut a small love heart from cream felt and sew to front of chest **LK**

WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!

CHOOSE A BRAND NEW COLOUR OF *Stylecraft Special DK* AND WIN A FABULOUS STASH OF YARN!



Imagine **creating your very own yarn colour** and having it produced by one of your favourite spinners. Well, here's your chance to do just that!

In an exciting competition brought to you by Let's Knit and **Stylecraft** yarns, your very own favourite colour could be added to the extensive range of **Special DK** shades. All you have to do is send in or email an example of the colour to Stylecraft by March 31st. This could be a scrap of fabric, a length of yarn, a photograph you have taken, something you have painted or even a sweetie wrapper you like the colour of.

In April our panel of judges including our editor Sarah Neal, Lucy from Attic 24 and award-winning blogger Phil from The Twisted Yarn will work with the Stylecraft team to choose the **top 10 colours**. These will then be put to a public vote and the favourite shade will be added to

"The favourite shade will be added to the Stylecraft range and launched at the Knitting & Stitching Show"

the Stylecraft range and launched at the Knitting & Stitching show in London in October.

The winner receives **100 balls of Special DK** as well as VIP entry to the show. Plus there are nine runner-up prizes of a Stylecraft goody bag to be won!



Send your entries...

...along with your name and contact details, to **Stylecraft Special Colour competition, Stylecraft, Spa Mill, New Street, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD75BB** or by email to **creative@stylecraftltd.co.uk**

GIVEAWAYS TERMS & CONDITIONS

This competition is open to all adults worldwide aged 18 or over, excluding employees or agents of the associated companies and their families. The prize detailed in each competition cannot be exchanged for goods, or towards the purchase of goods at any retail outlet. It cannot be exchanged for cash, or replaced if lost or damaged. Illegible entries and those that do not abide by these t&cs will be disqualified. Prizes must be taken as stated and cannot be deferred. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be

entered into. Winners will be notified by 19/06/15, a list of winners will be available on request in writing from creative@stylecraftltd.co.uk

Your details will be processed by Spectrum Yarns Ltd in full accordance with data protection legislation. All entries become the property of Spectrum Yarns Ltd. Spectrum Yarns Ltd may wish to contact you with information of other services we provide which may be of interest.

Oh BABY!

COCOON YOUR LITTLE LOVED ONE IN FANTASTIC FIBRES

Adorable baby garment and accessory patterns aren't hard to find in the wonderful world of knitting, but where do you start with finding the perfect yarn? We've rounded up eight of our favourite baby yarns for their versatility, kindness to sensitive skin and practicality. From natural fibres to luxury blends, these yarns are nothing short of worthy to swaddle your little one in! Many of them are available in other weights so keep this in mind when choosing one to suit your pattern.

1 SIRDAR SNUGGLY BABY BAMBOO DK

Comprising 80% bamboo and 20% wool, this heavenly soft double knitting yarn is machine washable and a perfectly versatile baby yarn. Made from all natural fibres, it's breathable and kind to young, sensitive skin. Best of all, it comes in a fantastic array of shades. One 50g (95m) ball costs £3.49 from **0845 003 0775**, www.wool4less.co.uk

2 PATONS 100% COTTON DK

A solid, reliable all-rounder, Patons' tightly spun yarn is ideal for sensitive skin and a stash staple for knitters and crocheters alike. You simply can't go wrong with the uncomplicated 100% cotton composition. One 100g (210m) ball costs £4.99 from **0800 505 3300**, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

3 DY CHOICE BABY JOY DK PRINT

Add vibrant splashes of colour to simple baby knits with this fantastic acrylic blend print yarn. This is a great alternative for babies with a wool sensitivity and it's machine washable for easy care. One 50g (175m) ball costs £3.25 from **0845 544 2196**, www.loveknitting.com

4 ROWAN BABY MERINO SILK DK

Baby deserves the best and Rowan's luxury merino and silk blend is a little luxury for the one you love. Even better, this sumptuous yarn is machine washable and being DK weight, is great for both garments and accessories. One 50g (135m) ball costs £5.95 from **01782 862332**, www.cucumberpatch.com

5 CYGNET KIDDIES SUPERSOFT 4 PLY

Available in every pastel colour imaginable, Cygnet's soft acrylic blend is delightful to work with and will create a huggable make on a budget. Better yet, it's machine washable at 40°C so there's no need to stress over any accidental spills. One 100g (424m) ball costs £2.19 from **01789 768682**, www.yarncrazy.co.uk





Get the pattern for this little owl in Issue 69 of *Let's Get Crafting* on sale now! www.letsgetcrafting.com

6 KING COLE CUDDLES CHUNKY

This yarn is perfectly described by its name – it's deliciously soft and fluffy texture feels like a cuddly cloud. It comes in 12 lovely shades and knits quickly, making it fab for a weekend project to keep a smile on baby's face. One 50g (125m) ball costs £3.25 from **01707 331777**, www.zipsnclips.com

7 RICO BABY SO SOFT PRINT DK

Rico's variegated acrylic blend is a brilliant fun yarn to work with and comes in a variety of bright colourways to jazz up a plain pattern. This is a practical and hardwearing choice, ideal for spring baby knits. One 100g (250m) ball costs £4.59 from **01925 764231**, www.blacksheepwools.com

8 ROBIN BONNY BABY ARAN

Robin's brilliant aran weight yarn is ideal for thicker baby patterns. It can be machine washed and tumble dried so it's easy to care for when baby makes a mess and comes in lots of delicate colourways. One 100g (200m) ball costs £2.19 from **0800 488 0708**, www.deramores.com



The Knitting Basket

Our extensive range of yarns include:-

**STYLECRAFT, KING COLE, SIRDAR,
JAMES C BRETT & OPAL SOCK YARN**

We also stock:-

**KNITTING & CROCHET PATTERNS
PONY KNITTING NEEDLES
LOOSE BUTTONS - ACCESSORIES**

64 Aylesbury Street, Fenny Stratford,
Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK2 2BA
Tel:- 01908 646049

www.theknittingbasket.co.uk

Email:- theknittingbasket@live.co.uk



Truly Hooked

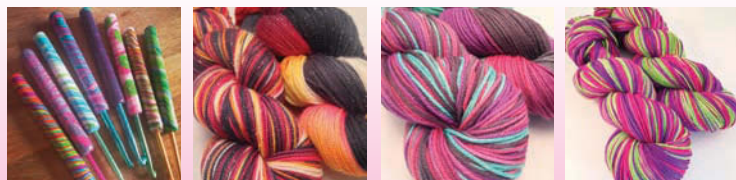
**BEAUTIFUL
HAND DYED YARNS
CROCHET PATTERNS,
MONTHLY YARN
AND SOCK CLUBS**

f /TRULYHOOKED

E /SHOP/TRULYHOOKED



Vibrant Hand Dyed Yarns,
Stunning Handcrafted Crochet
Hooks, Yarn Clubs, Gift Boxes
and much more!



Check us out on facebook www.facebook.com/littlebooyarns
Follow us on Instagram @littlebooyarns

Quote LETSKNIT10 for a 10% discount on all LBY products



Unbelieva-wool

**10%
off using Code
Knit91**



Stunning hand dyed
variegated yarns
in a range of
beautiful colours



McAree Brothers

all enquiries 0131 558 1747

Shop on-line @ www.mcadirect.com



Winter brights from Sublime Booklet 682



Edinburgh 19 Howe Street

55-59 King Street **Stirling**

Bathroom Blues

*Add some style to your washroom
with the help of Georganne
Cauchi's accessories*

Who says you can't have knitting in every aspect of your life? Whether you make just one or the whole trio, each of these quick knits is a fantastic addition to your daily routine. The facecloth and mitten are perfect for scrubbing away the remains of the day, and the headband is great for keeping damp strands of hair out of your eyes or even for taming any unruly locks.

Measurements & sizes

Headband: 9cm x 49cm circumference when buttoned up
Facecloth: 27cm x 30cm
Mitten: 23cm x 27cm circumference at widest point

Knit Kit

Yarn: Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK, shade 95 Aqua, four 50g balls
Needles: 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm double-pointed, set of four (for Mitten only)
Buttons: 20mm, brown, six
Stitch marker

Tension Square

25 sts x 33 rows
 10cm x 10cm
 stocking stitch
 3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

Special abbreviations

m6: make six sts by picking up horizontal bar before next st and working (k1, p1) three times
MB: (k1, p1, k1, p1, k1) in one st, turn, p5, turn, (ssk, k1, k2tog), turn, p3tog, turn, slip bobble onto RH needle

About the Yarn

Rico Essentials Cotton DK is a pure mercerised cotton yarn. It has good stitch definition, is machine washable, and comes in over 40 hues.

Need an Alternative?

Sublime Egyptian Cotton DK is another yarn made from 100% cotton. Available in 20 colours, try shade 324 Rush Hour for a rough match.

Let's Shop

Rico Essentials Cotton DK costs £2.85 per 50g (130m) ball from 0845 544 2196, www.loveknitting.com

To get 15% off all orders at Love Knitting, turn to page 2

Sublime Egyptian Cotton DK costs £3.92 per 50g (105m) ball from 01829 740903, www.laughinghens.com
Coconut Shell Sewing buttons, pack of 20, £2.20 from www.beadandbuttoncompany.co.uk

Start knitting here

HEADBAND

Using 3.25mm straight needles, cast on 28 sts

- Rows 1-3: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 4: p
- Row 5: * ssk, k5, m6 (see Special Abbreviations), k5, k2tog, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- Row 6: * p2tog, p14, p2tog tbl, rep from * to end. 32 sts
- Row 7: * ssk, k4, (yfwd, k1) five times, yfwd, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 40 sts
- Row 8: * p2tog, p16, p2tog tbl, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- Row 9: * ssk, k14, k2tog, rep from * to end. 32 sts
- Row 10: * p2tog, p12, p2tog tbl, rep from * to end. 28 sts
- Rep Rows 1-10 a further 14 times
- Next row: beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- Next row: k5, k2tog, (k6, k2tog) twice, k5. 25 sts
- Next row: p
- Next row: (k7, k2tog) twice, k7. 23 sts
- Cont to work in st st until piece meas 9cm from cast-on edge
- Cast off

To make up

Weave in ends and sew buttons in place

FACECLOTH

Using 3.25mm straight needles, cast on 84 sts

- Rows 1-3: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 4: * p3, m1p, (p2, m1p) four times, p3, rep from * to end. 114 sts
- Row 5: * ssk, k7, MB (see Special abbreviations), k7, k2tog, rep from * to end. 102 sts
- Row 6: * p2tog, p7, p1 tbl, m1p, p5, p2tog tbl, rep from * to end. 96 sts
- Row 7: * ssk, k4, (yfwd, k1) five times, yfwd, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 120 sts
- Row 8: * p2tog, p16, p2tog tbl, rep from * to end. 108 sts
- Row 9: * ssk, k14, k2tog, rep from * to end. 96 sts
- Row 10: * p2tog, p12, p2tog tbl, rep from * to end. 84 sts
- Rep Rows 1-10 eight more times
- Next row: beg with a p row, work



meet our
DESIGNER

"The pattern used for the headband is both pretty and functional – as the yarn stretches through regular wash and wear, the lace pattern means that it can be buttoned tighter, so your favourite accessory can be used for longer!"

GEORGANNE CAUCHI

two rows in st st
 □ Cast off pwise

To make up

Weave in ends and block

BATH MITTEN

Using 3.25mm dpns, cast on 52 sts, distribute evenly over three needles, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm marker for beg of rnd
 □ Rnd 1: (k2, p2) to end
 This row sets 2x2 rib
 □ Work in 2x2 rib until cuff meas

5cm from cast-on edge

MAIN PATTERN

- Rnd 1: p
- Rnd 2: (p3, m1p) three times, p2, m1p, rep from * to last eight sts, (p3, m1p) twice, p2. 70 sts
- Rnd 3: p
- Rnd 4: * k3, m1, (k2, m1) four times, k3, rep from * to end. 95 sts
- Rnd 5: * ssk, k7, MB, k7, k2tog, rep from * to end. 85 sts
- Rnd 6: * ssk, k6, m1, k7, k2tog, rep from * to end. 80 sts
- Rnd 7: * ssk, k4, (yfwd, k1) five times, yfwd, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 100 sts
- Rnd 8: * ssk, k16, k2tog, rep from * to end. 90 sts
- Rnd 9: * ssk, k14, k2tog, rep from * to end. 80 sts
- Rnd 10: * ssk, k12, k2tog, rep from * to end. 70 sts
- Rnds 11-12: p

"Watch out for the p2tog tbl stitches – these will lean in a different direction to regular p2tog stitches."

LK Editorial Assistant **Molly Todd**



□ Rep Rnds 3-12 a further three times, then Rnds 3-10 once more

SHAPE TOP

- Rnd 1 and all odd-numbered rnds: p
- Rnd 2: p2, p2tog, * p5, p2tog, rep from * to last three sts, p3. 60 sts
- Rnd 4: p2, p2tog, * p3, p2tog, rep from * to last st, p1. 48 sts
- Rnd 6: p1, p2tog, * p2, p2tog, rep from * to last st, p1. 36 sts
- Rnd 8: * p1, p2tog, rep from * to end. 24 sts
- Rnd 10: p2tog to end. 12 sts
- Rnd 12: as Rnd 10. Six sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Weave in ends and block LK

knitwise

Button up

Make sure you take extra care when sewing on your buttons – the last thing you want is them falling off your project! Work the thread through the eyeholes of the button around eight or nine times to make certain it's nice and secure, and wrap the remainder thread ten times around the base of the button. Try sewing into the fibres of the stitches instead of around them, as this will help to anchor your button.



Cucumberpatch

Now easier to order on the move....

15% off
with code
LKAPR



Rowan
Cotton
Lustre



Debbie Bliss
Delphi

www.cucumberpatch.com
01782 862332

sales@cucumberpatch.com

59 & 63 High Street, Newcastle under Lyme, Wolstanton,
Staffordshire, ST5 OER

© 2000 - 2015 K2Tog & Cucumberpatch
Offer one use per customer valid in March/April 2015

Measurements & Sizes

To fit a four-cup teapot

Knit Kit

Yarn: Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino, (A) shade 76 Plum, (B) shade 82 Sunshine, (C) shade 81 Emerald, (D) shade 67 Sienna, one 50g ball of each
Needles: 3.25mm

Tension Square

25 sts x 34 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino is a lovely blend of 55% wool, 33% microfibre and 12% cashmere. It has a tension that falls between a DK and a 4ply and is available in over 60 different colours!

Need an Alternative?

MillaMia Naturally Soft Merino has a similar tension and is spun from 100% merino wool. It has fabulous stitch definition and comes in 20 shades.

Let's Shop

Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino costs £4.99 per 50g (125m) ball from 0800 505 3300, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

To get 10% off all orders at Wool Warehouse, turn to page 69

MillaMia Naturally Soft Merino costs £5.50 per 50g (125m) ball from 08450 017 74 74, www.millamia.com

10% OFF!

Sienna Bloom

*Add a quirky touch to your kitchen with
Lynne Rowe's colourful accessory*

Tea lovers everywhere will tell you there's nothing worse than a cold cuppa. This cute cosy is the ideal way to make sure you never have a chilly brew again! A Fair Isle project featuring a pretty flower motif, the yarn used is spun predominantly from natural fibres, which are great for helping to retain heat for longer. Remember not to strand the unused yarns too tightly across the back of the work, as this might cause the front of the work to pucker.

Start knitting here

SIDE PANEL

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 61 sts

- ☐ Row 1: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
- ☐ Row 2: (p1, k1) to last st, p1
- ☐ Rows 3-8: rep Rows 1-2 three times more
- ☐ Work Rows 1-35 of Chart
- ☐ Work Rows 34-35 of Chart six times more, then Row 34 once more

TOP

Change to yarn B

- ☐ Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st

Change to yarn C

- ☐ Next row (eyelet row): k2, yfwd, k2tog, (k1, yfwd, k2tog) to end
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work seven rows

in st st

- ☐ Next row: work picot cast-off (see Knitwise)
- ☐ Rep from start for second side
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

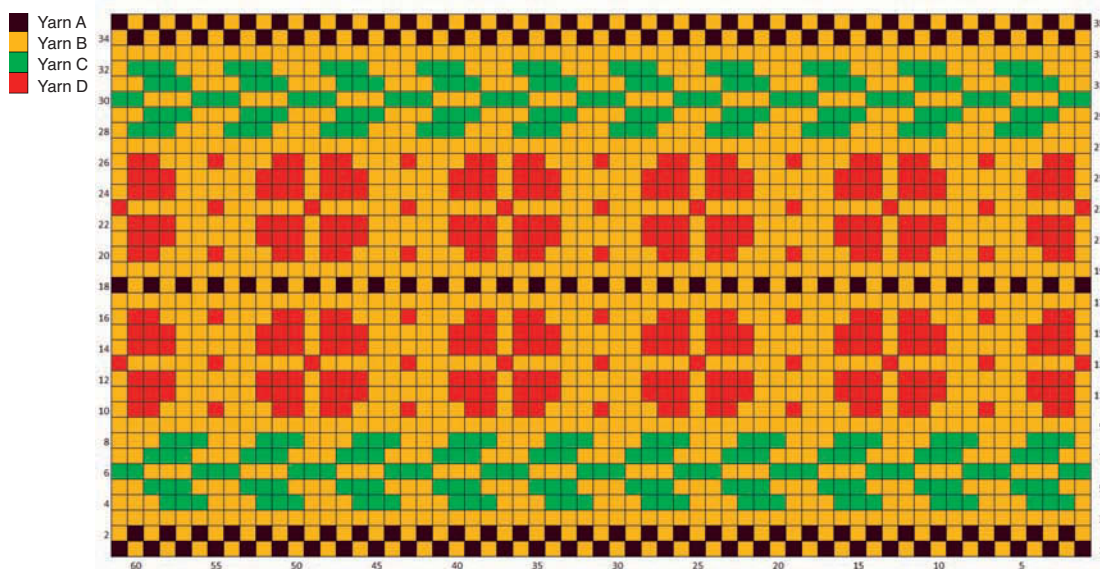
Weave in all ends and block your work (see page 93). Sew bottom edges of cosy together at ribbed edges. Stitch top edges together down to beginning of section in yarn C. Make a twisted cord by taking a length of yarn C four metres long, folding it in half and twisting it tightly. Fold cord in half again and knot ends together. Thread cord through eyelet holes and tie into a bow LK

knitwise

Picot perfect

The picot cast-off in this project adds a perfect finishing touch to the top of the teacosy. To work a picot cast-off, knit the first two stitches on the LH needle, then lift the first stitch on the RH needle over the second to cast off.

* Pass the single remaining stitch on the RH needle back to the LH needle and, using a two-needle cast on method, cast on two stitches. Cast off four stitches. Repeat from * to end, then cut the yarn and fasten off.



"To stop yourself from getting in a tangle, twist the unused yarns every three or four stitches as well as before starting a new row."

LK Editorial Assistant **Molly Todd**

EXCLUSIVE TO
**Let's
Knit**



meet our
DESIGNER

"This small Fair Isle project is a great introduction to stranded knitting. There's no shaping involved, and it's great fun to watch the pattern develop!"

LYNNE ROWE

Looking for more tea-themed patterns and ideas?

To celebrate Create and Craft TV's tea party themed birthday, we've got lots of exciting downloads for tea cosies, bunting and more over on the LK website.

Visit us at www.letsknit.co.uk

Measurements & sizes

40cm x 40cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Jamieson's of Shetland Double Knitting, (A) shade 123 Oxford, four 50g balls, (B) shade 127 Pebble, three 50g balls, (C) shade 585 Plum, one 50g ball
 Needles: 3.5mm (60cm) circular
 Cushion pad: 45cm x 45cm
 Zip: black, 40cm
 Sewing needle and thread

Tension Square

26 sts x 29 rows

10cm x 10cm

Pattern

3.5mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Jamieson's of Shetland DK is a 100% wool yarn, available in over 200 shades. Made from pure Shetland wool, it's hard wearing and beautifully textured.

Need an Alternative?

Rowan Felted Tweed DK is a blend comprising 50% merino, 25% alpaca and 25% viscose. The tweedy texture makes it a great substitute for the Jamieson's yarn, however any pure wool would also work well.

Let's Shop

Jamieson's of Shetland DK costs £2.90 per 25g (75m) ball from 01595 693114, www.jamiesonsofshetland.co.uk
 Rowan Felted Tweed DK costs £6.20 per 50g (175m) ball from 0800 488 0708, www.deramores.com

To get 15% off all orders at Deramores, turn to outside back cover

15% OFF!

Turkish Delight

Jane Burns' cosy Fair Isle cushion will be an instant home favourite

April's reputation for being wet and windy is the perfect opportunity to stay in and knit something to make your home even cosier. With its ethnic print and vibrant band of colour, this gorgeous Fair Isle cushion is sure to brighten up even the gloomiest of days.

Start knitting here

Using 3.25mm needle, yarn A and long tail method, cast on 200 sts, join into the round taking care not to twist sts

☐ Rnd 1: k

☐ Work Rows 1-16 of Chart A twice

☐ Work Rows 1-32 of Chart B once

☐ Work Rows 1-16 of Chart A twice

☐ Work Rows 1-11 of Chart A once

☐ Next Row: using yarn A only, k

☐ Cast off loosely

To make up

Darn in ends, block to finished measurements. Sew in zip, sew cast-on edge of cushion closed. Insert cushion pad LK

knitwise

In the round

It is extremely important when knitting in the round that your work is not rotated around the needle before joining, otherwise you'll get a twist and have to rip your work out and start again. We also suggest starting each round where the side of the cushion will be to hide any jogs in your knitting.



CHART A

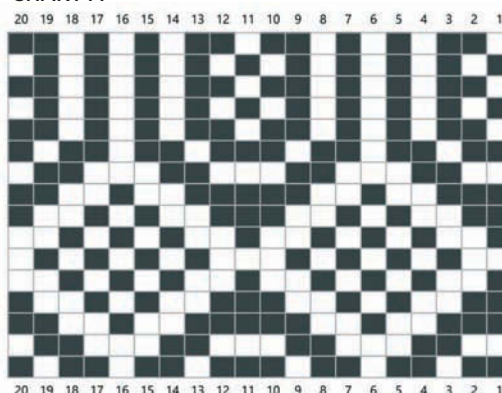
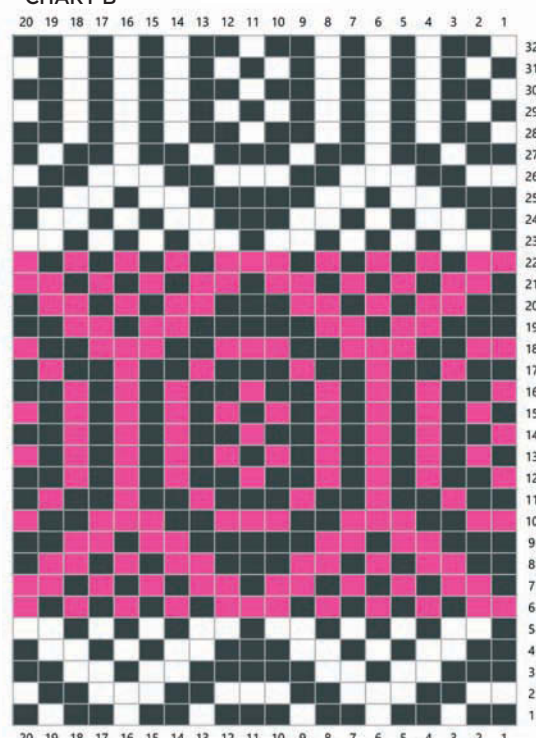


CHART B



"We've been cosying up with this cushion in the LK office – perfect with a cup of tea and a biscuit or three!"

LK Editorial Assistant **Isobel Smith**

EXCLUSIVE TO

**Let's
knit**



meet our
DESIGNER

"This cushion is worked in the round to give the best Fair Isle knitting experience and minimum sewing up! It is worked to a slightly tighter tension than suggested for the yarn in order to give a nice thick fabric that will last for many years."

JANE BURNS

Measurements & sizes

Balloon: 7.5cm diameter x 17cm tall (when assembled)

Bird: 10cm wide

Ring: 20.5cm diameter

Knit Kit

Yarn: (A) Sirdar Baby Crofter DK, shade 184 Gracie, (B) shade 147 Pretty Paisley, (C) Sirdar Snuggly DK, shade 219 Lilac, (D) shade 212 Petal Pink, (E) shade 429 Baby Beige, one 50g ball of each

Needles: 3.5mm

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle and thread

Ribbon: assorted

Cord: beige, lilac, 3m of each

Buttons: assorted

Felt: beige

Safety toy stuffing

Polystyrene ring: flat-backed, 20cm diameter

Plastic baubles: 80mm diameter, two

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Sirdar Baby Crofter DK is a soft blend of 55% nylon and 45% acrylic. It is a self-patterning yarn that knits into pretty Fair Isle effects. Sirdar Snuggly DK is the same composite but comes in solid shades. Both can be machine washed and tumble dried.

Need an Alternative?

Any DK yarn would work for this mobile, so raid your stash for shades that complement your nursery décor.

Let's Shop

Sirdar Baby Crofter DK costs £3.50 per 50g (165m) ball and Sirdar Snuggly DK cost £3.10 per 50g (165m) ball from 01924 565740, www.woolnstuff.co.uk
Plastic baubles cost £1.25 each from 01427 666022, www.baubletimeuk.com

Up, up & away

Spark your child's imagination with Nicola Valiji's adorable baby mobile

Simple to make but full of charm, this delightful project is the perfect finishing touch to any baby's room. The pieces are all in stocking stitch and require some basic shaping, but nothing that should be beyond relatively new knitters. The designer has chosen a yarn that creates brilliant self-patterning effects, but you could choose any colour scheme you like, from classic primary shades to pretty pastel tones.

Start knitting here

BIRD BODY

(make one in yarn A and two in yarn B)

Using 3.5mm needles, cast on 54 sts

- ☐ Set up row (WS): k
- ☐ Rows 1-4: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 5: (k4, k2tog) to end. 45 sts
- ☐ Row 6 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 7: (k3, k2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ Row 9: (k2, k2tog) to end. 27 sts
- ☐ Row 11: (k1, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Row 13: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

NOTE: this is top of Bird

BIRD WINGS

(make four in yarn D and two in yarn C)

Using 3.5mm needles, cast on two sts

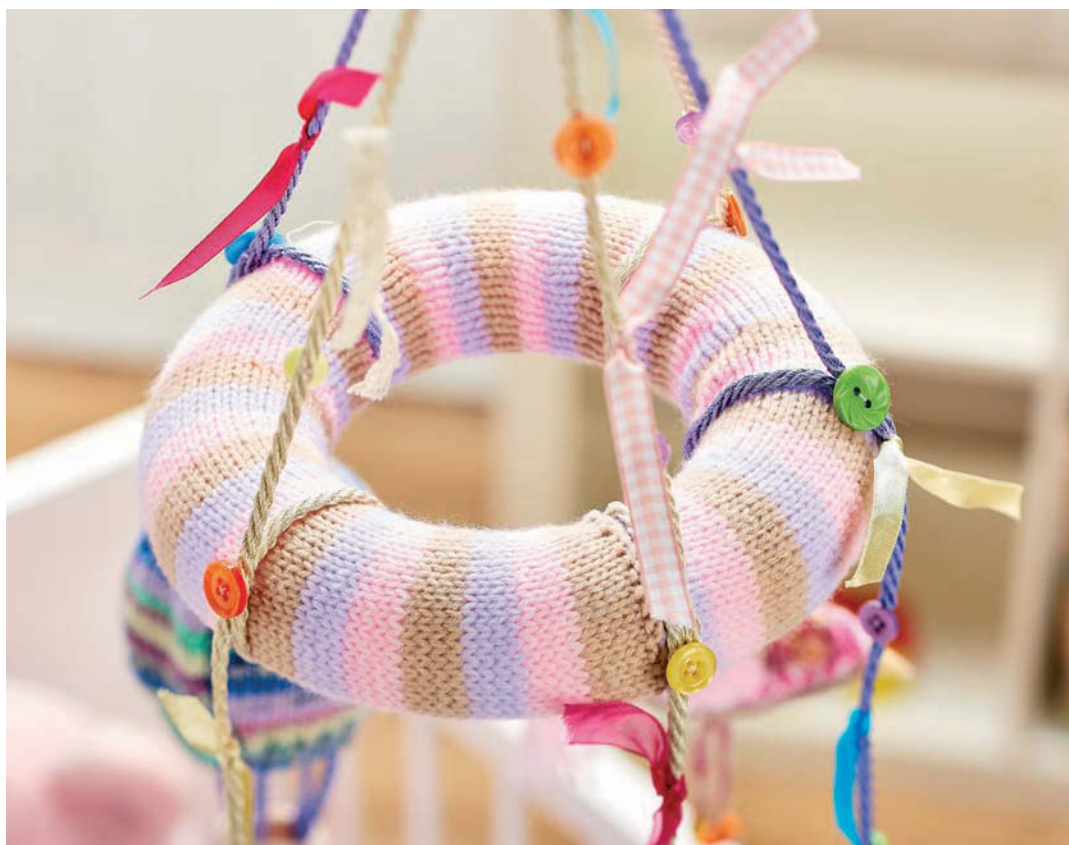
- ☐ Row 1: (kfb) in each st. Four sts
- ☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 3: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Six sts
- ☐ Row 5: k
- ☐ Row 7: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Four sts
- ☐ Row 8: (p2tog) twice. Two sts
- ☐ Row 9: k2tog. One st
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

HOT AIR BALLOON

(make one in yarn A and one in yarn B)

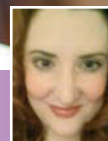
Using 3.5mm needles, cast on 50 sts

- ☐ Rows 1-6: (k1, p1) to end
- ☐ Row 7-8: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 9: (k9, kfb) to end. 55 sts
- ☐ Row 10: p
- ☐ Row 11: (k10, kfb) to end. 60 sts
- ☐ Rows 12-22: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 23: (k10, k2tog) to end. 55 sts
- ☐ Row 24: p
- ☐ Row 25: (k9, k2tog) to end. 50 sts
- ☐ Row 26: p



EXCLUSIVE TO
**Let's
knit**

Great
gift for
newborns!



meet our
DESIGNER

"I have attached decorative ribbons and buttons to the cords at 7cm intervals. Each hot air balloon and bird is secured into place around the hoop from the shortest to the longest."

NICOLA VALIJI

- ☐ Row 27: (k8, k2tog) to end. 45 sts
- ☐ Row 28: (p7, p2tog) to end. 40 sts
- ☐ Row 29: (k6, k2tog) to end. 35 sts
- ☐ Cont to dec as set on every row until ten sts rem
- ☐ Next row: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

BASKET (make two) BASE

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn E, cast on five sts

- ☐ K seven rows
- ☐ Cast off

SIDES

NOTE: worked from top down

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn E, cast on 24 sts

- ☐ Rows 1-2: k
- ☐ Rows 3-4: (k2, p2) to end
- ☐ Rows 5-6: (p2, k2) to end
- ☐ Rows 7-8: rep Rows 3-4
- ☐ Cast off

RING

NOTE: carry yarn up side of work when changing colours

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn E, cast on 30 sts

- ☐ Rows 1-4: beg with a k row, work in st st
- Change to yarn D



- ☐ Rep Rows 1-4
- Change to yarn C
- ☐ Rep Rows 1-4
- ☐ Cont in st st and stripe sequence until a total of 39 stripes have been worked
- ☐ Cast off

COVER FOR LOOP HANGING

Using 3.5mm needles, cast on 14 sts

- ☐ Beg with a k row, work 16 rows in st st
- ☐ Cast off

To make up BIRDS

Using yarn tail, sew row-ends together then sew across cast-on edge to form a semi-circle shape, stuffing as you go. Cut a small triangle of beige felt for beak and sew to Bird. Weave in ends of Wings and sew to either side of Bird's body. Add buttons for eyes. Make a tassel 10cm long and sew to body for tail. Using matching yarn, make a 16cm twisted cord for legs, fold in half and stitch to underside of Bird, attaching buttons for feet

HOT AIR BALLOON

Using yarn tail, sew row-ends together. Insert plastic bauble into knitted piece. Join Basket sides

knitwise

Simple stripes

This ring is covered in a knitted piece that is made up of 39 stripes. If you were to cut and rejoin your yarn every time, that's nearly 80 ends to sew in! An easy way around this is to carry the yarn up the side of the work. Join in a new colour and work two rows; at the end of the second row, twist the yarn with the strand from the previous colour, then work the remaining two rows of your stripe. This will keep the yarns neatly held against the side of the fabric.



and base. Cut four 10cm lengths of lilac cord and attach to corners of Basket on WS. Sew other end of cords to Hot air balloon. Insert a small piece of card into Basket to help it hold its shape

RING

Sew cast-on and cast-off edges together. Place knitted piece over polystyrene ring and sew row-ends. Cut cords 76cm and 105cm for Hot air balloons and 92cm,

100cm and 115cm for Birds. Attach cord to relevant piece, wrap it around the ring once, positioning them in order of length. Knot the ends, pulling one lilac and one beige cord up into a loop, tie to secure in place. Wrap Cover for loop hanging around knot and sew row-ends. Secure with a few sewn stitches. Cut a length of ribbon and tie in a bow. Decorate cords with assorted buttons and ribbon ties **LK**

"When hanging a mobile above a baby's cot, remember to position it out of reach of your fast-growing tot."

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

coming next issue

AMANDA BERRY'S TIGER STRIPE BABY ONESIE

May issue of Let's Knit on sale Friday 17th April





Topwools
25 The Arcade Barnsley S70 2QP
Telephone: 01226 730826
email: shop@twistedstitches.co.uk



Qoperfina

BRAND NEW WEBSITE

All undyed, unbleached yarns
Featuring organic British wools
Beautiful oiled wools from the Isle of Mull
Specialising in colour-grown organic cotton -
'Qoperfina' blended with copper for anti-inflammatory,
anti-bacterial qualities, reap the benefits whilst knitting
Natural-dye Studio, hand-dyed yarns exclusively
using plant dyes

www.twistedstitches.co.uk

We are still stocking
your favourites from
Sirdar, Rico, Katia,
Debbie Bliss and
Stylecraft in our
Barnsley shop.

Just give us a call or
drop an email to order.

20% discount on all
Sirdar full packs

Bonus • Hayfield • Wendy • King Cole • Jarol • James C Brett

DOWNLOADABLE PDF PATTERNS ONLY £3.95

ALL £2.99 or less!

KNITTYOKNITTY
bang bang

www.knittyknittybangbang.co.uk



The Dropped Stitch

A Family Owned, Family Run Business Since 1985

Stocking James C. Brett, Katia,
King Cole, Peter Pan, Woolcraft,
Wendy Yarns, Jenny Watson
yarns and patterns.

Knitting Patterns, Needles and
Accessories, Crochet Yarn,
Patterns and Hooks,
Haberdashery, Hand Knitted
Items and DMC threads.

Also stocking new scarf yarns:
Woolcraft Tango and Desire,
Katia Ondas, Triana and
Triana Lux



Hand made earrings

Exclusive
Patterns

01273 424529

www.thedroppedstitch.co.uk

113/115 Victoria Road, Portslade, East Sussex, BN41 1XD.

yarn patterns & books needles & hooks accessories buttons ribbons



WOOL
WAREHOUSE



DROPS DESIGN.

Wendy

malabrigo

Hooked

THE CROCHET LITERATURE

SIRDAR

Debbie Bliss

Stylecraft

Patons

CASCADE YARNS

CARON

Schachenmayer original

RICO DESIGN

Clöver

ROWAN

Opal

REGIA

DMC

Sublime

king cole

KnitPro

PONY

NORO

We're proud stockists of all these leading brands!

All the **knitting**
& **crochet**
supplies you'll
ever need...
...all under one roof!



Stylecraft Special DK



Cascade 220 Superwash



Caron Simply Soft

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

FREE UK
DELIVERY
on orders
over £25

Order online: www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
Order over the telephone: 01926 882818 or 0800 505 3300
Email us: yarn@woolwarehouse.co.uk

No minimum order, £2.95 delivery charge for UK orders under £25.
* Voucher code not valid on yarn packs or sale items.

ORDER FORM

- ☐ Yes, please start my subscription to **LET'S KNIT** LKN0415
☐ I would like to renew my subscription with this offer (Cheque/Credit Card)
☐ I would like to purchase a gift subscription

- 1 DIRECT DEBIT** ☐ £26 every 6 issues* - save 13%
2 UK CHEQUE/CREDIT CARD ☐ £59.60 for 13 issues (1 year) - save 10%
☐ £108.81 for 26 issues (2 years) - save 18%
☐ Eur / Eire £97.00 / ROW £107.00 (1 year)
☐ Eur / Eire £184.00 / ROW £203.00 (2 years)
OVERSEAS

SUBSCRIBER DETAILS: please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Title	Forename	Surname
Address		
Postcode		
Daytime No.		Mobile No.
Email		

THIS IS A GIFT, MY DETAILS ARE: please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Title	Forename	Surname
Address		
Postcode		
Daytime No.		Mobile No.
Email		

- 2** ☐ I enclose a cheque made payable to Let's Knit
Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Amex ☐ Switch/Maestro (Issue No.) ☐

CARD NUMBER

[] [] [] []	[] [] [] []	[] [] [] []	[] [] [] []	[] [] [] []
-----------------	-----------------	-----------------	-----------------	-----------------

EXPIRY DATE [] [] [] [] VALID FROM [] [] [] []

SIGNED: TODAY'S DATE:

*this is a UK only Direct Debit offer. Gift is only available to UK subscribers. Existing subscribers can renew using this offer. Your subscription will begin with the next available issue. Subscriptions are for a 12 month period including all gift subscriptions. Your free gift will be dispatched within 28 days of your payment being received (sent separately from the magazine). If your subscription is a gift, the gift and gift card will be sent to the donor. You can also subscribe via cheque or credit card. In the event of a gift being faulty or damaged, please contact us within 28 days of receiving the gift. This offer is subject to availability this gift will be for the first 100 subscribers only, alternative gift may be supplied to the same or greater value. This is a limited offer and may be withdrawn at any time. Photocopies accepted. Cancellation policy applies refer online or contact customer services for more details. *Please note that digital subscriptions will not include subscriptions gifts nor covermounted gifts.

1 Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debit



Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

Originator's ID No. 677183
Reference Number

To the Manager.....
Address.....
..... Postcode
.....

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Branch Sort Code

Bank/Building Society Account Number

Signature(s)

Date.....

Data Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of accounts

Your full direct debit guarantee will be shown on your confirmation letter

Your details will be processed by Aceville Publications Ltd. (publishers of Let's Knit) in full accordance with data protection legislation. Aceville Publications Ltd. and sister companies may wish to contact you with information of other services and publications we provide which may be of interest. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐. From time to time Aceville Publications Ltd. will share details with other reputable companies who provide products and services that may be of interest to you. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐.



LKN, 800 Guillat Avenue, Kent Science Park,
Sittingbourne, ME9 8GU



Pay only
£26
every 6
issues!*

EXCLUSIVE
FREE GIFTS
WITH EVERY
ISSUE!

GREAT REASONS TO SUBSCRIBE:

- **EXCLUSIVE FREE** high value gifts with every issue
- **FASHIONABLE** and exciting new patterns for all ages
- **FREE DELIVERY** straight to your door before the shops
- **SPREAD THE COST** with a Direct Debit
- **SAVE** £££s off the cover price

DIGITAL EDITIONS are available^



You can now pay via

PayPal

just visit
www.letsknit.com/subscribe

NEED A GIFT IDEA?

A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION is the perfect present that lasts all year round!



LKN0415

FREE* SCARF KIT

when you subscribe today!

These kits will make an ideal present for yourself or a loved one and contain everything to make a fashionable scarf or a cowl which is lightweight and trendy enough to wear all year round!



Viridian

FREE!*

YOUR KIT CONTAINS:

- 32 peg knitting loom
- 2 balls of knit hook
- 5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Instructions to make a scarf or cowl 50" (approx 120cm) long



3 EASY WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE



www.letsknit.co.uk/subscribe

01795 414964

Quote LKN0415



LKN, 800 Guillat Avenue,
Kent Science Park,
Sittingbourne ME9 8GU

Lines are open Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

Get Organised

*Coordinate your keys with
Susie Johns' cute fobs!*

Knit fobs for your keys and you will be able to identify them at a glance.

And being knitted, they are light so will not add too much extra weight to your key ring.

Quick to knit in 4ply yarn, these projects are perfect stashbusters as you can choose your own colour schemes.

Measurements & sizes

House: 6cm high

Strawberry: 6cm high

Car: 7.5cm long

Knit Kit

Yarn: Patons Merino Extrafine 4ply, (A) shade 01 White, (B) shade 31 Cherry, (C) shade 51 Royal, (D) shade 68 Iris, (E) shade 74 Chartreuse, one 50g ball of each

Needles: 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm double-pointed (set of four)

Tapestry needle

Safety toy stuffing

Buttons: small, black, four

Key rings

Tension Square

28 sts x 36 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Patons Merino Extrafine 4 Ply, made from 100% extra fine merino wool, is exceptionally fine and soft. The yarn is very easy to care for, is machine washable up to 40°C and can even be tumble-dried. It has a soft texture but is very hard-wearing. It knits up quickly and produces good stitch definition.

Need an Alternative?

As these fobs are so small, you could use any spare 4ply yarn in your stash. Get creative!

Let's Shop

Patons Merino Extrafine 4 Ply costs £4.25 per 50g (170m) ball from 0131 558 1747, www.mcadirect.com

Start knitting here

HOUSE WALLS

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 15 sts

- ☐ Beg with a p row, work 15 rows in st st
- ☐ Row 16: p
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work a further 15 rows in st st
- ☐ Cast off

ROOF

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, cast on 19 sts

- ☐ Row 1: p
- ☐ Row 2: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 17 sts
- ☐ Rows 3-10: rep Rows 1-2 four times more. Nine sts
- ☐ Rows 11-13: p
- ☐ Row 14: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 11 sts
- ☐ Row 15: p
- ☐ Rep Rows 14-15 four times more. 19 sts
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Purl ridge in centre of Wall piece that forms base of house. Thread a length of yarn C onto a tapestry needle and embroider a front door in Swiss darning (see Knitwise), with base of door just above this

line of purl stitches. Embroider two windows in backstitch. Fold knitted piece in half, with right sides together, and stitch side seams. Turn right sides out and stuff. Fold Roof in half, with right sides together and stitch sloping side seams. Turn right sides out, lightly stuff, then place Roof on top of walls, with edge of Roof overlapping slightly; stitch firmly in place

CAR

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn D, cast on eight sts

- ☐ Row 1: p
- ☐ Row 2: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. Ten sts
- ☐ Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2 twice more. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 7: p
- ☐ Row 8: cast on three sts, k to end. 17 sts
- ☐ Row 9: cast on three sts, p to end. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 10: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 22 sts
- ☐ Rows 11-15: beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ☐ Row 16: p
- ☐ Rows 17-21: beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- ☐ Row 22: k1, skpo, k16, k2tog, k1. 20 sts

- ☐ Row 23: cast off three sts, p to end. 17 sts
- ☐ Row 24: cast off three sts, k to end. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 25: p
- ☐ Row 26: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 12 sts
- ☐ Rows 27-30: rep Rows 25-26 twice more. Eight sts
- ☐ Row 31: p
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Thread a length of yarn A onto a tapestry needle and embroider windows in Swiss darning (see Knitwise). Fold knitted piece in half, with right sides together, and stitch side seams; leave top edge open. Turn right sides out and lightly stuff. Stitch cast-on and cast-off edges together to close. Stitch buttons in place for wheels

STRAWBERRY FRUIT

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn B, cast on three sts, placing one stitch on each of three needles, using the fourth to k with. Join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts

- ☐ Rnd 1: kfb in each st. Six sts
- ☐ Rnd 2: k
- ☐ Rnd 3: (k1, kfb) three times. Nine sts





meet our
DESIGNER

"Knitted key fobs are a great way to personalise and identify your keys. There is a little car for your car keys, a cute cottage for your house keys and a strawberry for the greenhouse or allotment."

SUSIE JOHNS

EXCLUSIVE TO



knitwise

Embroidering Detail

Embroidery is a great way to add fine details to knitting. For simple straight lines, use backstitch. For blocks of colour, use Swiss darning: this is a type of embroidery that replicates the knitted stitch. If you look at a row of stocking stitch, you will see that each stitch resembles a 'V'. Thread a tapestry needle with yarn and bring it up through the point of the V, then take it behind the two prongs of the V and back down into the point, where you began. This stitch can also be worked as individual stitches and has been used to represent the seeds on the strawberry.

QUIRKY KEY FOBS

- ☐ Rnds 4-5: k
- ☐ Rnd 6: (k1, kfb, k1) three times. 12 sts
- ☐ Rnd 7: k
- ☐ Rnd 8: (k3, kfb) three times. 15 sts
- ☐ Rnd 9: k
- ☐ Rnd 10: (k2, kfb, k2) three times. 18 sts
- ☐ Rnd 11: k
- ☐ Rnd 12: (k2, kfb) six times. 24 sts
- ☐ Rnd 13: (k3, kfb) six times. 30 sts
- ☐ Rnds 14-23: k
- ☐ Rnd 24: (k3, k2tog) six times. 24 sts
- ☐ Rnd 25: k
- ☐ Rnd 26: (k2, k2tog) six times. 18 sts
- ☐ Rnd 27: k
- ☐ Rnd 28: (k1, k2tog) six times. 12 sts
- ☐ Rnd 29: (k2tog) six times. Six sts
- ☐ Cut yarn and thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

STALK

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn E, (cast on five sts, cast off four sts, transfer st from RH to LH needle) five times. Five sts

- ☐ Rows 1-6: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Thread a length of yarn A onto a tapestry needle and embroider seeds in Swiss darning, evenly spaced all over Strawberry. Stuff firmly and pull up yarn tail at top to close gap. Stitch Stalk in place

KEY RINGS

To attach a key ring to each of knitted item, use matching yarn and oversew, taking needle through edge of item and over ring several times **LK**



"These quirky little key fobs are a great way to practice your embroidery skills. Plus they're super cute!"

LK Editorial Assistant **Isobel Smith**

**coming
next issue**

SUSIE JOHNS' FAIRY AND
PIXIE EGG COSIES

May issue of Let's Knit on
sale Friday 17th April



Enjoy Let's Knit...



...on your Tablet



...on Twitter



...on Facebook



Find us
@letsknitmag



...Online

Log on to download free
patterns and visit our blog
at www.letsknit.co.uk



...ON
SUBSCRIPTION
SEE PAGE
70 FOR OUR
LATEST
OFFERS

DROPS

Drops Cotton Merino

50% cotton 50% merino wool

£2.99
per 50g ball

DROPS
Cotton Merino
A superwash yarn for all seasons!

DROPS
Cotton Merino
A superwash yarn for all seasons!

Save 10% on DROPS Cotton Merino and more!

Use voucher code LK91 at
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



Order online: www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
Order over the telephone: 01926 882818 or 0800 505 3300
Email us: yarn@woolwarehouse.co.uk
No minimum order. FREE delivery on UK orders over £25.
£2.95 delivery charge for UK orders under £25.

James C. Brett



NEW SHADE MARBLE CHUNKY MC53

JB287

Contact us www.jamescbrett.co.uk

01274 565959

Measurements & Sizes

Dress size (cm):
8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)
To fit chest (cm):
81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)
Actual chest (cm):
82 (86, 91, 95, 100, 104.5, 109, 118)
Length from top of shoulder (cm):
59 (60, 60, 61.5, 61.5, 63, 63, 64)

Tension Square

22 sts x 30 rows
10cm x 10cm
pattern stitch
4mm needles

Knit Kit

Yarn: James C. Brett Cotton On DK, shade 8, 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12)
50g balls
Needles: 4mm (60cm) circular,
4mm double pointed
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers
Stitch holders

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

James C. Brett Cotton On DK is a smooth 50% acrylic 50% cotton blend which is available in a choice of 20 vibrant shades.

Let's Shop

James C. Brett Cotton On DK has an RRP of £2.09 per 50g (145m) ball. For stockists, call 01274 565959 or go to www.jamescbrett.co.uk

knitwise

Round and round

This top is only knitted in the round until shaping for the armholes begins. You can continue to use your circular needle as if it were a pair of straight needles - simply work back and forth across the stitches in rows, instead of joining in the round.

Fuchsia Fun

*Burst into the new season with
Kelly Menzies' bright and on-trend top*

Whether you're basking in the spring sunshine or layering to enjoy the longer evenings, this striking sweater is sure become your new favourite. With a versatile stitch effect and lightweight yarn, this geometric grid-patterned top will make the perfect addition to your wardrobe in any season.

Start knitting here

BODY

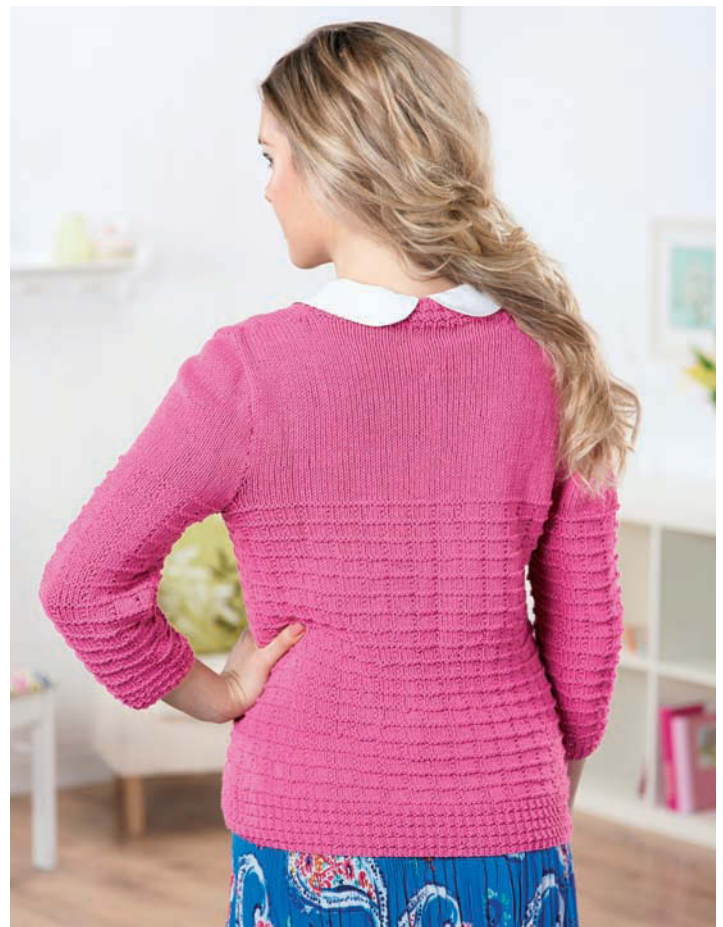
NOTE: worked in one piece to armholes

Using 4mm circular needle cast on 200 (210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 280) sts. Pm at beg of rnd and again after 100 (105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 140) sts, marking sides of garment

- ☐ Rnds 1-2: * k1, p1, rep from * to end
 - ☐ Rnd 3: k
 - ☐ Rnd 4: p
- These four Rnds set rib patt
☐ Rep Rnds 1-4 four times more

DECREASING FOR WAIST

- ☐ Rnd 1 and all alt rnds: k
- ☐ Rnd 2: * k4, p1, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnd 4: * ssk, k2, p1, [k4, p1] to five sts before marker, k2, k2tog, p1, rep from * to end. 196 (206, 216, 226, 236, 246, 256, 276) sts
- ☐ Rnd 6: p
- ☐ Rnd 8: * k3, p1, ssk, k2, p1, [k4, p1] to nine sts before marker, k2, k2tog, p1, k3, p1, rep from * to end. 192 (202, 212, 222, 232, 242, 252, 272) sts
- ☐ Rnd 10: * [k3, p1] twice, [k4, p1] to eight sts before marker, [k3, p1] twice, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnd 12: * p8, p2tog tbl, p to 11 sts before marker, p2tog, p9, rep from * to end. 188 (198, 208, 218, 228, 238, 248, 268) sts
- ☐ Rnd 14: * [k3, p1] three times, [k4, p1] to 12 sts before marker, [k3, p1] three times, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnd 16: * [k3, p1] three times, ssk, k2, p1, [k4, p1] to 17 sts before marker, k2, k2tog, p1, [k3, p1] three times, rep from * to end. 184 (194, 204, 214, 224, 234, 244, 264) sts
- ☐ Rnd 18: p
- ☐ Rnd 20: * [k3, p1] four times, ssk,



k2, p1, [k4, p1] to 21 sts before marker, k2, k2tog, p1, [k3, p1] four times, rep from * to end. 180 (190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 260) sts

- ☐ Rnd 22: * [k3, p1] five times, [k4, p1] to 20 sts before marker, [k3, p1] five times, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnd 24: * p20, p2tog tbl, p to 23 sts before marker, p2tog, p21, rep from * to end. 176 (186, 196, 206, 216, 226, 236, 256) sts
- ☐ Rnd 26: * [k3, p1] six times, [k4, p1] to 24 sts before marker, [k3, p1]

six times, rep from * to end

- ☐ Rnd 28: * [k3, p1] six times, ssk, k2, p1, [k4, p1] to 29 sts before marker, k2, k2tog, p1, [k3, p1] six times, rep from * to end. 172 (182, 192, 202, 212, 222, 232, 252) sts
- ☐ Rnd 30: p
- ☐ Rnd 32: * [k3, p1] seven times, ssk, k2, p1, [k4, p1] to 33 sts before marker, k2, k2tog, p1, [k3, p1] seven times, rep from * to end. 168 (178, 188, 198, 208, 218, 228, 248) sts
- ☐ Rnd 34: * [k3, p1] eight times,



[k4, p1] to 32 sts before marker, [k3, p1] eight times, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 36: * p32, p2tog tbl, p to 35 sts before marker, p2tog, p33, rep from * to end. 164 (174, 184, 194, 204, 214, 224, 244) sts

□ Rnd 38: * [k3, p1] nine times, [k4, p1] to 36 sts before marker, [k3, p1] nine times, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 40: * [k3, p1] nine times, ssk, k2, p1, [k4, p1] to 41 sts before marker, k2, k2tog, p1, [k3, p1] nine times, rep from * to end. 160 (170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 240) sts

MIDSECTION

Work without shaping as follows:

□ Rnd 1 and all alt rnds: k

□ Rnd 2: p

□ Rnd 4: * [k3, p1] ten times, [k4, p1] to 40 sts before marker, [k3, p1] ten times, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 6: * [k3, p1] ten times, [k4, p1] to 40 sts before marker, [k3, p1] ten times, rep from * to end

□ Rep Rnds 1–6 once, then Rnds 1–2 once more

INCREASING FOR BUST

□ Rnd 1 and all alt rnds: k

□ Rnd 2: * [k3, p1] ten times, [k4, p1] to 40 sts before marker, [k3, p1] ten times, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 4: * [k3, p1] nine times, m1r, k3, p1, [k4, p1] to 40 sts before marker, k3, kfb, [k3, p1] nine times, rep from * to end. 164 (174, 184, 194, 204, 214, 224, 244) sts

□ Rnd 6: p

□ Rnd 8: * [k3, p1] eight times, m1r, k3, p1, [k4, p1] to 36 sts before marker, k3, kfb, [k3, p1] eight times, rep from * to end. 168 (178, 188, 198, 208, 218, 228, 248) sts

□ Rnd 10: * [k3, p1] eight times, [k4, p1] to 32 sts before marker, [k3, p1] eight times, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 12: p28, m1, p to 29 sts before marker, m1, p29, rep from * to end. 172 (182, 192, 202, 212, 222, 232, 252) sts

□ Rnd 14: * [k3, p1] seven times, [k4, p1] to 28 sts before marker, [k3, p1] seven times, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 16: * [k3, p1] six times, m1r, k3, p1, [k4, p1] to 28 sts before marker, k3, kfb, [k3, p1] six times, rep from * to end. 176 (186, 196, 206, 216, 226, 236, 256) sts

□ Rnd 18: p

□ Rnd 20: * [k3, p1] five times, m1r, k3, p1, [k4, p1] to 24 sts before marker, k3, kfb, [k3, p1] five times, rep from * to end. 180 (190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 260) sts

Work without shaping as follows:



meet our
DESIGNER

"Although worked in cotton, this top could be knitted using any fibre content. For a warm winter jumper, try using alpaca or wool instead."

KELLY MENZIES



Blouse, £28, Red Herring at Debenhams. Skirt, £39, East

NOTE: Place markers before and after each pattern rep to make it easily visible

- ☐ Rnd 1 and all alt rnds: k
- ☐ Rnd 2: * [k3, p1] five times, [k4, p1] to 20 sts before side seam marker, [k3, p1] five times, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnd 4: p
- ☐ Rnd 6: * [k3, p1] five times, [k4, p1] to 20 sts before side seam marker, [k3, p1] five times, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rep Rnds 1-6 until work meas approx 40cm, ending after a Rnd 6
- ☐ Work Rnds 1-4 once more

BACK

NOTE: Work in st st

- ☐ Cast off 6 (7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts at beg of next row, [one stitch on RH needle], k83 (87, 92, 97, 101, 106, 110, 120), turn. 84 (88, 93, 98, 102, 107, 111, 121) sts
- Place next 90 (95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 130) sts on to a holder to be worked later as the Front
- ☐ Cast off 6 (7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts pwise at beg of next row, p to end. 78 (81, 86, 91, 94, 99, 102, 112) sts
- ☐ Dec one st each at end of every

- RS row 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 5, 8) times. 70 (73, 78, 81, 82, 87, 92, 96) sts
- ☐ Work in st st without shaping until armhole meas 18 (19, 19, 20.5, 20.5, 22, 22, 23) cm ending after a p row

SHOULDER SHAPING

- ☐ Cast off 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9) sts at beg of next four rows, then cast off 6 (6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 10) sts at beg of foll two rows
- Leave rem 30 (33, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 40) sts on a holder

FRONT

- ☐ Using your 90 (95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 130) sts from holder and with RS facing, cast off 6 (7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 78 (81, 86, 91, 94, 99, 102, 112) sts
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of every RS row 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 5, 8) times. 70 (73, 78, 81, 82, 87, 92, 96) sts

LEFT NECK SHAPING

- ☐ Next row: k28 (29, 31, 32, 32, 34, 36, 38), slip next 42 (44, 47, 49, 50, 53, 56, 58) sts on to a holder
- ☐ Working on first set of sts for

left side of the neck, dec one st at neck edge on every RS row until 20 (20, 23, 24, 24, 26, 27, 28) sts rem

- ☐ Work without shaping until front left side meas 18 (19, 19, 20.5, 20.5, 22, 22, 23) cm, ending after a p row

SHOULDER SHAPING

- ☐ Cast off 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9) sts at beg of next two RS rows, then cast off 6 (6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 10) sts at beg of next RS row
- ☐ Rejoin yarn after your centre sts, k28 (29, 31, 32, 32, 34, 36, 38) sts
- ☐ Dec one st at neck edge on every RS row until 20 (20, 23, 24, 24, 26, 27, 28) sts rem
- ☐ Work without shaping until front right side meas 18 (19, 19, 20.5, 20.5, 22, 22, 23) cm ending after a p row

SHOULDER SHAPING

- ☐ Cast off 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9) sts at beg of next two WS rows, then cast off 6 (6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 10) sts at beg of next WS row
- Sew shoulders together ready to start the neck

NECKBAND

- ☐ Using 4mm circular needle, place 30 (33, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 40) sts from Back on to needle, pick up and k 36 (38, 38, 40, 40, 44, 44, 46) sts down left side, k14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 20) sts from Front holder, pick up and k 36 (38, 38, 40, 40, 44, 44, 46) up right side. Pm and join in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts. 116 (124, 124, 130, 132, 142, 146, 152) sts
- ☐ Work Rnds 1-4 of rib patt twice, then Rnds 1-2 again
- ☐ Cast off

SLEEVES

Using 4mm dpns, cast on 50 (50, 50, 50, 60, 60, 60, 60) sts, pm and join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts

- ☐ Work rnds 1-4 of rib patt three times

MAIN PATTERN

Work main patt **AT THE SAME**

TIME, work incs as given below

- ☐ Rnd 1 and all alt rnds: k
- ☐ Rnd 2: * k4, p1, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnd 4: * k4, p1, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnd 6: p

SLEEVE INCREASES

☐ Working in main patt, inc one st at each end of every 10th (9th, 7th, 7th, 12th, 10th, 9th, 8th) rnd until there are 64 (66, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80) sts, remembering to adjust patt accordingly, adding in another grid each time you have five new sts

- ☐ Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas approx 28 (28, 28, 28, 30, 30, 30, 30) cms, ending after a Rnd 6

SLEEVE CAPS

NOTE: Work back and forth in rows in st st

- ☐ Cast off 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 52 (54, 56, 58, 58, 60, 60, 62) sts
- ☐ Dec one st at each end of every fourth row until 38 (38, 40, 42, 42, 42, 42) sts rem
- ☐ Dec one st at each end every RS row 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) times. 26 (26, 28, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26) sts
- ☐ Cast off 4 (4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3) sts at beg of next four rows. 10 (10, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14) sts
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Sew Sleeves in place. Block to measurements **LK**



Buy from your local yarn store!
Call 01274 565959 or go to
www.jamescbrett.co.uk for
your nearest stockist



**coming
next issue**

**EASY-KNIT CASUAL
TOP IN LUXURIOUS
COTTON YARN**

May issue of Let's Knit on
sale Friday 17th April



YARN SHOP DAY 2015

- 2nd of May

Which shop will you be visiting?



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Clicketty Clack
Online Knitting & Crochet Yarn Shop

Specialists in King Cole and MillaMia yarn and patterns
www.clickettyclack.co.uk
01844 273739
Unit 11a, First Floor, Woodway, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 0NN

CHESHIRE

Crafty Stitches

Stocking yarns from Sirdar, Patons, Debbie Bliss, Rico plus many more

48 Witton Street, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 5AG
contact@craftystitchesonline.co.uk
Tel: 01606 43187
www.craftystitchesonline.co.uk

DERBYSHIRE

U-Duit

Celebrating 39 years of quality knitting & needleworking
We stock Sirdar, Sublime, Hayfield, Rico, Patons and JamesC Brett.

7a Church Street, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 3BU
Tel: 01773 745824
www.u-duitknitandstitch.co.uk

DORSET

Join us and crochet designer, Ali Campbell, for Yarn Shop Day 2015.

the Stipped Stitch

1 Cheap Street, Sherborne, DT9 3PT
01935 508249
www.thestippedstitch.co.uk info@thestippedstitch.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Yarn on the Square

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON KNITTING

22, Market Place, Ely.

Purveyors of Fine Yarns
Classes and support for all abilities
01353 661024

CHESHIRE

Crafts

We are a new independent arts and crafts store situated within Bents garden centre. We stock over 15,000 lines. We also carry a wide range of wools, including: **Patons, Red Heart, DMC Natura, MyBoshi** etc., and Knit Pins, Haberdashery and Fabrics.

Knit n Natter on a Thursday at 11.00.
For more information see our website or email
www.ccrafts.co.uk
info@ccrafts.co.uk

DEVON

rockin' beads

Stocking King Cole, Bergere de France, Patons, SMC, DMC and Erika Knight. We have 4 Knit clubs a week and teach knitting and crochet on a daily basis.

On Yarn Shop Day we will be hosting a 'Cake, Coffee and Crochet' day for all those who love yarn!
10% off all yarn purchases for those that wish us a 'Happy Yarn Shop Day'.

20-22 Red Lion Yard, Okehampton, EX20 1AW
Tel: 01837 657614
www.rockinbeads.co.uk

ESSEX

Rag Tag and Bobtail

Yarn, Hobby and so much more!

41 Newland St, Witham, Essex CM8 2BD
Tel: 01376 521666

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

CURTIS YARNS

Specializing in premature babywear

Stocking a wide range of yarns including:
Cygnat, King Cole, Rico, James C Brett & Stylecraft
plus patterns & accessories!
Cross Stitch, Buttons and Beads also in stock.

24a High Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4JU
Tel: 01353 969426
www.curtisyarns.co.uk

CORNWALL

Sue's Fabric & Wool Shop

Open:
Monday – Saturday
9.30–5pm

T: 07814431012
1 Pratts Market, Chapel Terrace, Hayle TR27 4AB

DEVON

Spin A Yarn

Specialising in exciting, unusual and natural yarns from around the world

26 Fore St, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AD
Tel: 01626 836203
www.spinayarndevon.co.uk

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Creative Needles at Enrico Interiors

From knitting yarns and locally produced May Hill Gotland wool, threads, ribbons, felt and sewing bags ... we stock a wide product range to suit every designing need!

Tel: 01452 831725
www.creative-needles.co.uk
Harts Barn Craft Centre, Longhope, Gloucester, GL17 0QD

CHESHIRE

Stash Fine Yarns

www.stashfineyarns.com

T: 01244 389310 E: info@stashfineyarns.com
www.stashfineyarns.com

COUNTY DURHAM

A Fine Yarn

The home of the original Yarn Pal, from Roleswoodcraft.

Stocking beautiful yarns by Sirdar, Sublime, King Cole, Ripples Crafts and many more.

We carry a huge range of Knitting Patterns and books, something for everyone.

Please call and see our lovely range of Hand Made wooden shawl pins and buttons. See you soon.....

07875 146422 - afineyarn@hotmail.co.uk
76a Skinnergate Darlington DL37LX

DEVON

Social Fabric

Fun, modern and simply scrumptious!

Classes for all levels: knitting, crochet, felting, quilting, lampshades, dressmaking

We stock RICO, Erika Knight, Malabrigo, Artesano, Sublime, Lang, Knit Pro, Clover...

www.socialfabrictotnes.co.uk
68 High Street, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5SQ Tel: 01803 866144

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The Button Draw Haberdashery

Here at The Button Draw we strive to provide a personal and welcoming service, and offer as much help and information as we possibly can.

- Yarns
- Haberdashery
- Workshops

16 Barton Street, Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5PP
Tel: 01684 438596
www.thebuttondrawhaberdashery.co.uk

LOVE YOUR Yarn Shop



YARN SHOP DAY 2015

- 2nd of May



GREATER MANCHESTER

Woolyknit
British and Merino Wool Yarns and Tops
in natural shades and vibrant colours

www.woolyknit.com
Email: info@woolyknit.com | Tel: 01457 877989
Unit 5, Warrin Mill, Huddersfield Road, Diggle, Saddleworth, OL35PQ

HERTFORDSHIRE

Wool-n-things

For all your wool
and cross-stitch needs
We also offer a range of workshops
3-5 Hitchin Street, Baldock SG7 6AL
Tel: 01462 612889
www.wool-n-things.co.uk

HEREFORDSHIRE

LUPIN & ROSE
Yarns, Fabrics, Patterns and More
www.lupinandrose.co.uk

16 Market Square Bromyard
Herefordshire HR7 4BP

KENT

AvicraftWool

15 Chatterton Road, Bromley, Kent. BR2 9QW
020 8290 1238
www.avicraftwool.com
email: sharonthesheep@gmail.com

HAMPSHIRE

ASOMO Crafts
10% discount on Yarn Shop Day!

A SPACE OF MY OWN
Art & Craft For Everyone
Fabulous creative space & shop. Classes for all ages,
team-building sessions & parties featuring felting,
knitting, crochet, sewing, printing, paper cutting,
upcycling and lots of fun!
Open 9am-2pm Tues - Sat, & some evenings.
Hartley Mews, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, RG27 8NX
Tel: 01252 844210
www.asomocrafts.co.uk

HERTFORDSHIRE

Needlecraft

We have everything for
the knitter or crafter and whatever
your level of skill there is always a
knowledgeable member of staff who
can help you buy the right item
01442 245 383
142 Cotterells, Hemel Hempstead,
Herts, HP1 1JQ
www.needlecraftstore.co.uk

IRELAND

Annie's HABERDASHERY

Come visit us for
Yarn Shop Day!
15 Mallin Street Wexford
00 353 (0)87 9265571
annieshaberdashery@gmail.com

KENT

Through the Loop

WOOLS - FABRICS
CROSS STITCH
HABERDASHERY - PATTERNS
Mon - Sat 9.30-4.30
Closed on Wednesdays
169 High Street
Heme Bay
For inspiration and creation
01227 742224 www.throughtheloop.co.uk

HAMPSHIRE

knotjustwool

www.knotjustwool.co.uk
We sell a wide range of yarns &
knitting patterns online and in our
two shops:
Ann Louise Shop Thistle Shop
02392644242 02392253972
kate.knotjustwool@btinternet.com

HERTFORDSHIRE

Stockists of
Debbie Bliss and
Sirdar, Knit Pro
needles, crochet
hooks and good
selection of
buttons.

KNIT KNACKS

We will be having a one
day sale for Yarn Shop Day.
Free tea/coffee and cake
Come and see us at 11 Bridge Street,
Hitchin, SG5 2DE
www.knitknacksyarn.co.uk

ISLE OF WIGHT

Tajcrafts

Stocking yarns including
Drops, Stylecraft, Noro
plus accessories!
Holliers Farm, Sandown,
Isle of Wight PO36 0LT
Tel: 01983 868123
Email: tajcrafts@outlook.com

KENT

C Wool
Knitting Yarn & Accessories

Come visit us on Yarn Shop Day!
Stocking yarns and patterns
from Rowan, Debbie Bliss, Louisa
Harding, Adriafl and Erika Knight
17 Hight Street, Broadstairs, Kent
CT10 1LP
Tel: 01843 862848
www.cwool.co.uk

HAMPSHIRE

Handmade Studios
Specialising in lovely indie yarns

We also stock:
✓ Debbie Bliss
✓ Little Boo Yarns
✓ Noro
✓ Louisa Harding
✓ Mirasol
✓ Susan Crawford
✓ Purl Alpaca
✓ Fiberspates
✓ Kettle Yarns
✓ Rowan
✓ Regia
Please 'like' our
Facebook page
THEHANDMADESTUDIOS
✓ For the Love of Yarns
✓ The Cryptozoologist
✓ Eden Cottage Yarns
Also Soak, Addi, Clover
4 The Green, Rowlands Castle, Hants. PO9 6BN
02392 412901 Open Tues to Sat 10am-5pm
www.handmadestudios.org

HERTFORDSHIRE

ZipsnClips

Stocking King Cole
Yarns and Patterns!
10% OFF all orders using
discount code LKKnitting
74 Haldens, WGC, AL7 1DD
Tel: 01707 331777
www.zipsnclips.com

ISLE OF MAN

Joan's Wools & Crafts

Putting the creativity back into life...
Established family business since
1978 stocking comprehensive
range of knitting yarns,
needlework, patchwork and
quilting and sewing machines.
5B-6B Village Walk, Onchan,
Isle of Man IM3 4EA
Tel: 01624 626009
Find us on Facebook

KENT

J&C CREATIONS

Wool
Felt
Papercraft
Jewellery Making
Beads
Workshops
Warehouse Open
Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm
www.jandccreations.co.uk
Unit 20 Palace Industrial Estate, Bircholt Road,
Parkwood Industrial Estate, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9XT
Tel: 01622 862302 E-mail: enquiries@jandccreations.co.uk

KENT

Rainham Sewing Centre

Come visit
us on
YARN SHOP DAY !

12 Station Road, Rainham, Kent
ME8 7PH
Tel: 01634 233243
Email: tfrapple@msn.com

LINCOLNSHIRE

M&G Designs

Stockist of:
Rowan
King Cole
Rico
Patons
Debbie Bliss
Noro
Heritage
Pony & Knitpro needles and lots more.



Come and see us lots of friendly help
and advice.
M&G Designs, 14 Eastgate, Louth
Lincolnshire LN11 9NE
Tel: 01507 604923

MERSEYSIDE

Made.
The Complete Knitting Experience

Visit us at
36 Seaview Road, Wallasey, CH45 4LA
0151 638 0304
www.madewithit.co.uk

MIDLANDS

 **Knit N Stitch**

Stocking a wide range of
yarn including Cygnet,
James C Brett, Wendy,
Stylecraft, Patons,
Sirdar and DMC
A beautiful collection of
patterns, needles and
haberdashery!

4 The Square, Codsall
Tel: 01902 847565

LANCASHIRE

Inspirations
by CARD CRAFT Plus
THE CRAFT SUPERSTORE

CRAFT ESSENTIALS
PAPERCRAFT
KNIT & STITCH

The Capitol Centre,
Winery Lane, Preston,
Lancashire, PR5 4AW
Tel: 01772 880852
inspirations.cardcraftplus.co.uk

LINCOLNSHIRE

Horncastle Hobby House

Stockists of King Cole, Katia,
Wendy & Jarol Yarn.
Large selection of patterns,
needles & knitting accessories
The One Stop Hobby Shop
Needlework, Craft Kits &
Sugarcraft supplies
**25 North Street, Horncastle,
Lincs LN9 5DX**
01507 522659
www.horncastlehobbyhouse.co.uk

MERSEYSIDE

**Lynn's Wool and
Haberdashery Store**

Kirkby Market, Liverpool
Open Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat
Large range of yarn,
King Cole, Sirdar, Stylecraft
and Woolcraft
Large selection of
Haberdashery
Tel: 07780 469640

MIDLANDS

**Remember
When**

Specialising in an array
of vintage & modern
yarns, patterns &
accessories.

Stockists of Debbie Bliss, Colinette, Rowan,
Bergere De France, Wendy, Tuikeys,
Sirdar, Patons, King Cole, SMC & Cygnet

80 High Street, Coleshill, West Midlands, B46 3AH
Tel: 01675 466418
www.rememberwenshop.co.uk

LANCASHIRE

& Sew What

247 Eaves Lane,
Chorley, Lancs, PR6 0AG
Tel: 01257 267438

Knitting and Crochet Friendly Help and Advice.

A select range of quality yarns and accessories for all your knitting and
crochet needs. Currently stocking a selection of yarns from Patons, Rowan,
Noro, Debbie Bliss, Stylecraft and Rico.
Accessories from Prym, KnitPro and Clover.
Gift Vouchers available.

twitter @andseewhat
Open Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 10-4pm Thursday 10-6pm
www.seewhat.gb.com

LINCOLNSHIRE

**BRIDGE STREET CRAFTS
AND MODELS**

Stylecraft, Rico,
Artesano and Local
Lincoln Longwool.

58 Bridge St,
Gainsborough DN21 1LS
07960 590434

MERSEYSIDE

A new haven for wool lovers now
open on Merseyside

the good wool shop

yarns – especially naturals –
and haberdashery

at Derbyshire's, 22-24 Chapel Lane,
Formby L37 4DU
01704 830465
The Good Wool Shop
www.thegoodwoolshop.co.uk

MIDLANDS

Withit Witch

Yarns & Patterns from Sirdar,
Stylecraft, James C Brett and Rico
Crochet and Knitting
Lessons Available

enquiries@withitwitch.co.uk
Visit us online at
www.withitwitch.co.uk

Halesowen Knitting Centre
75 High Street
Halesowen B63 3BQ
Tel: 0121 5500201

LANCASHIRE

Leyland Open
Tuesday, Friday &
Saturday

Find us on
Facebook

For fabrics, ribbons,
knitting yarns, patterns &
Haberdashery.

**DO A CHILD A FAVOUR -
TEACH THEM HOW TO
KNIT**

Check out our EBAY shop
FOX LANE FABRICS LTD
Telephone: 07870 263767

LONDON

fabrications
gallery / shop / studio

Gorgeous British & Recycled Yarns
Notions, Craft Supplies & Gifts
Knitting, Crochet & Sewing Classes for all levels
Craft Club & Party bookings

Celebrating 15 years on Broadway!
Yarn Shop Day Goody Bags & Free Workshop!

7 Broadway Market, Hackney, London E8 4PH
Tel: 020 7275 9043
www.fabrications1.co.uk

MIDLANDS

stitch
Solihull

Fyberspates
Malabrigo
Sweet Georgia
Hiya Hiya
Knit Pro
And much more...

**Modern Stitch Craft Supply
Shop and Workshop Venue**

Stitch Solihull, Notcutts Garden Centre
Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4EN
0121 314 6888
sales@stitchsolihull.com
www.stitchsolihull.com

MIDLANDS

sittingknitting

Stable Gallery, rear of 7 Belwell Lane,
Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B74 4AA
0121 308 4205
rachel@sittingknitting.com
www.facebook.com/SittingKnitting

LEICESTERSHIRE

Threads of Life

In the heart of Castle Donington
near East Midlands airport and Donington Park
An Aladdin's cave of lovely things
for yarn addicts. Also knitting and
crochet accessories and haberdashery.
Details of workshops, knitting groups
and other news on the website.

Helpful advice always available.
Free parking nearby.

Threads of Life, 67 Borough St,
Castle Donington, DE74 2LB
Tel: 01332 811597
www.threadsoflife.co.uk
info@threadsoflife.co.uk

LONDON

Stag & Bow

Purveyors of Craft, History & Haberdashery

Stocking a fine range of delectable
materials to keep those fingers
busy! Come and celebrate yarn shop
day with us in sunny Forest Hill.

See our website for details.
8 Dartmouth Road, London SE23 3XU
0208 291 4992
www.stagandbow.com

MIDLANDS

www.CityKnits.co.uk

Stockists of all major yarn &
craft accessories suppliers...
Debbie Bliss, Stylecraft, Sirdar,
King Cole, Knit Pro
and many more

37 Sycamore Road, Bournville,
Birmingham B30 2AA
E: cityknits@gmx.co.uk
T: 0121 628 3977

BRITISH
Knitting
AWARDS
2014
WINNER

N. IRELAND

Wool
Fabrics
Haberdashery
Workshops

the Textile Studio

The Textile Studio
2b Sandown Road
Belfast BT5 6GY

www.textilestudiobelfast.co.uk
hello@textilestudiobelfast.co.uk
Follow us on

LOVE YOUR YARN SHOP

www.letsknit.co.uk
in association with ICHF Events

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Yarn Loft

www.yarnloft.co.uk
Araucania, Artesano, Bergere de France
Debbie Bliss, Fiberspates, Rooster, Noro
Louisa Harding, Manos del Uruguay
Malabrigo, Patons, Schachenmayr
Brittany, KnitPro, Milward
Mill Silk Bags/Cases
f r
yarnloft@gmail.com
116 Hucknall Rd, Nottingham, NG5 1AD
07825 702433

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Threads

We stock a wide range of
haberdashery products
and a large selection of
wool and patterns
2C Main Street, Keyworth,
Nottinghamshire, NG12 5AD
Tel: 0115 937 6010
www.threadsofkeyworth.co.uk

YARN SHOP DAY

2nd May 2015
www.letsknit.co.uk
in association with ICHF Events

N. IRELAND

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

WINE & JEWELLERY
Something to suit everyone, from the very
beginner to the most advanced knitter! Sirdar,
Wendy, Peter Pan, Debbie Bliss, Rico, Stylecraft,
Patons, Noro, Adriafile and Bergere de France.
The Old National School, The Commons Belleek,
Co. Fermanagh, BT93 3EP N. Ireland, UK
Tel: 02868659955
Email: shirley.grandmasattic@googlemail.com
www.grandmas-attic.co.uk

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Needlecraft Corner

Wool and Haberdashery
A delightful
selection of yarns
and fabrics
19 Ryton St, Worksop, S82 4Y
Opening hours 9-5 Mon - Sat.
www.needlecraftcorner.co.uk
07906 847829

OXFORDSHIRE

folly fabrics

Woolly Wormhead Weekend
18th-19th July
18th - Learn some new techniques for
casting on/off and increases/decreases
19th - Hat design workshop
Max. 8 students per workshop!
Yarns from Colinette, Fiberspates,
Rico, Herdy & Opal.
Rosemary Lane, Bampton, Oxon, OX18 2NF
www.follyfabrics.co.uk 01993 852544

SCOTLAND

Outback Yarns

We offer quality
knitting and crochet
yarns, stocking a
beautiful range of
colours and brands.
Creative crochet demonstrations
on Yarn Shop Day!
FREE DELIVERY ON ORDERS OVER £20
130-132 King Street, Castle Douglas DG7 1LU
Tel: 01556 504900
Sarah@OutbackYarns.co.uk
VISIT US ONLINE AT:
OutbackYarns.co.uk

N. IRELAND

Elizabeth Rose

* Yarns * Patterns
* Accessories * Haberdashery
* Flowers * Fabric * Workshops
3, Cloughan Road, BT61 8RF,
Armagh
Tel: 028 3887 1637
E-mail: info@elizabethroseni.com

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

knit nottingham

BRITISH
Knitting
AWARDS
2014
WINNER
Winner of best
independent shop in
the Midlands 2 years running
91 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FN
www.knitnottingham.co.uk
(0115) 947 4239

SCOTTISH BORDERS

Heard the Buzz?
Whigmaleerie Crafts
is at 1 Market Place
Eyemouth
Tel: 01890 75044
Email:
Whigmaleerie-1
@hotmail.co.uk

SCOTLAND

www.thewoolshop.co.uk
THE WOOL SHOP
30 Woodburn Avenue
Dalketh
EH22 2BP
Tel: 0131 663 2141
Open Monday - Saturday
9.30am - 4.30pm
Stockists of Sirdar,
Hayfield, Adriafile,
Stylecraft, King Cole
& Rico Design

NORFOLK

Owl Tree Crafts

Be Creative
01263 822448
King Cole, Rooster, Opal,
Wendy, Adriafile, DMC,
Yarns, Beads, Cross-stitch,
Haberdashery & Fabrics
79 Station Road, Sheringham,
Norfolk, NR26 8RG
www.owltreecrafts.co.uk

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Knitworking

• Stylecraft • Sirdar
• Woolcraft • King Cole
• Wendy • Bergere de France
A wide range of yarns, patterns and needles
for all your knitting and crochet projects!
Workshops and Social Knitworking
groups available
www.knitworking.co.uk
5 Main Road, Gedling, Nottingham
NG4 3HQ
Tel: 0115 961 3081
enquiries@knitworking.co.uk

SCOTLAND

Scotland's Award Winning
Knitting Café
The Yarn Cake
148 Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow G20 8NY
0141 946 5305
www.theyarncake.co.uk

SCOTLAND

McAree Brothers

www.mcadirect.com
Edinburgh
19 Howe Street
Stirling
55 - 59 King Street
all enquiries 0131 558 1747

NORFOLK

Diss Wool & Craft Shop

2 Cobbs Yard, Diss, Norfolk IP22 4LB
open Mon to Sat 9am to 4pm
01379 650640
Spring/Summer ranges
now in stock
We also have a huge online
selection at
www.disswoolandcrafts.com
or email us
sales@disswoolandcrafts.com
You can find us on
f p ravelry ebay

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Artful Buttoner

We sell
• Yarns from Sirdar, King Cole & Jarol
• Knitting & crocheting accessories
We also run
• Knit & natter, crochet & chatter
classes for all ages and abilities
15 Kingsway, Kirby in Ashfield
Notts, NG17 7BB
Tel: 01623 758684

SCOTLAND

Linda's

Wools & Haberdashery
Join us in store on
2nd May for
YARN SHOP DAY!
24 South Street, Elgin,
Moray, IV30 1LE
Tel: 01343 542975

SCOTLAND

Kathy's Knits
Shop Open
Tues to Sat 10am - 5.30pm
Blacker, New Lanark, JC Rennie
Eden Cottage, Jamieson & Smith
and much more at
64a Broughton Street
Edinburgh
www.kathysknits.co.uk

SCOTLAND

Voted best independent yarn shop
in Scotland

Wool for Two

Yarns for every budget
Patterns for every style



83-83 Rosemount Place
Aberdeen. AB25 2YE
01224 643738

www.woolforewe.com
info@woolforewe.com



SCOTLAND

NOW DOING ALTERATIONS

THREADS

Knitting ~ Sewing ~ Crafting

Stocking:

Sirdar, DY, Stylecraft and
Cygnet yarns

60 Glasgow Road, Dumbarton
G82 1HQ

Tel: 01389 761 385

email: fankledthreads@gmail.com
www.fankledthreads.co.uk

SOMERSET

Get Knitted

Stockists of Rowan, King Cole,
Stylecraft, Artesano, Knitpro plus
many more

Books, needles and hooks
also in stock

Fabulous range of workshops

Open Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00
Saturday 10.00-5.00
39 Brislington Hill, Bristol BS4 5BE
0117 300 5211 www.getknitted.com

SUFFOLK

Wool Shop

Yarn Day Party - 2nd May

We will be holding a fun day here
at the shop including a charity
make for the McMillian nurses

A Wool Shop - 82 High Street
Lowestoft NR32 1XN
Tel: 01502 569089

www.awoolshop.co.uk

SCOTLAND

ARIUNDLE CENTRE

We have our own sheep where you can
learn how to prepare your own fleece and
then knit your own hat or scarf from the
wool you spin.

We can show you natural dyeing techniques
using wind blown materials found locally.

The Ariundle Centre runs regular craft
workshops to suit all interests

Ariundle Centre, Strontian, PH36 4JA
Tel: 01967 402 279
Email: ariundle@aol.com

SHROPSHIRE



Wool and Textile Workshops

Yarn: Rowan, Adriafil, Colinette,
Patons, WYS, Wendy, Fyberspates,
Sirdar, Knit pro, Pony, Clover

Come and join the fun and
knit/crochet your own mascot
on Yarn Shop Day!

01691 680254 or email me:
emma@67thepincushion.co.uk
Why not visit my webpage:
www.67thepincushion.co.uk
www.facebook/67thepincushion

STAFFORDSHIRE



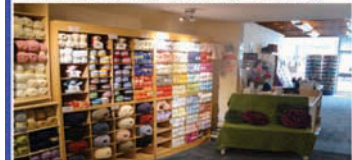
The unique floating yarn and wool
shop for all your crochet and knitting
needs, this month on The Leeds and
Liverpool canal, at Burscough, in West Lancashire,
for Easter then heading south for summer.
With an expanded range. Stockists of J C Bretts, and now West Yorkshire
Spinners and Woollyknit yarns, patterns, notions...you'll be amazed
at what we can get on a narrowboat!

Call 07931 356204
visit www.thewoolboat.co.uk

SUSSEX



Knitting - Sewing - Crafting - Stitching



13 Broad Street,
SEAFOOD, EAST SUSSEX
01323 301263
www.stitchseaford.co.uk

SCOTLAND

The Dragon's Den

INDEPENDENT STOCKIST OF HANDKNITTING
YARNS, NOTIONS, GIFTS AND CARDS

knitting needles - ribbons
buttons - cotton - yarns
knitting patterns - threads
sewing - haberdashery



20 High Street Kinghorn Fife KY3 9UE
Telephone: 01592 891151
Email: hilary@dragonsdenwools.co.uk
www.dragonsdenwools.co.uk

SOMERSET

wool
Bath's Premier
Knitting Emporium
Beautiful Yarns
Exquisite Books and Patterns
www.woolbath.co.uk
19 Old Orchard Street
Bath, BA1 1JU
01225 469144

STAFFORDSHIRE



knit 2 together
Come and join us in
our K2Tog store on
Yarn Shop Day!

59 & 63 High Street, Newcastle under
Lyme, Wolstanton, Staffordshire, ST5 0ER
01782 862332
sales@cucumberpatch.com

www.cucumberpatch.com

WALES

ABAKHAN
FABRICS | HOBBY | HOME
...for Inspiration & Creativity!
Buy Online
www.abakhan.co.uk
Stores at
North Wales • Chester • Birkenhead
Liverpool • Manchester • Bolton
Preston • Hanley
...for all your knitting needs!

SCOTLAND

Varis Crafts

Open Monday - Saturday 10.00am-12.45pm &
1.15pm - 4.00pm

2 Bogton Place, Nairn Road, Forres IV36 1EP
01309 696959 | variscrafts@hotmail.co.uk

Varis Crafts stocks a wide range of
wool, fabrics & ribbon, including
JC Brett, Stylecraft, Debbie Bliss,
Louisa Harding & DY Yarns.

Regular classes & workshops and
6 Craft & Chatter sessions held
every month.

SOMERSET

WOOL
You want it?
We've got it.
Over 10,000 products in stock
01749 677548
www.mandywools.co.uk
5 Mill Street, Wells, Somerset, BA5 2AS

STAFFORDSHIRE



Offering a range of high quality yarns
including Sirdar, Hayfield, Peter Pan,
Wendy, Debbie Bliss and Bergere De
France as well as knitting and crochet
accessories to suit every budget.
Mail order available.

www.knitiqueonline.com
Heart of the Country Shopping
Village, Lichfield, Staffs WS14 9QR
Tel: 01543 480979

WALES

Yarn 'n' Yarns

Stocking premium quality
wool for your pleasure,
including: Noro, Debbie Bliss,
Rowan, Patons, Sirdar
plus many more.

Knitting classes also available.

22 Cornerswell Road
Penarth CF64 2UZ

0292 071 2097

SCOTLAND

MAUREENS WOOL CART
STOCKISTS OF
SIRDAR RICO and PATONS
SHAWL WOOL and
ACCESSORIES

KNITTING DONE TO ORDER
NUTTY KNITTERS CLUB
ON MONDAY EVENINGS
7-9pm and THURSDAY
AFTERNOON 2-4pm

Regent Centre Kirkintilloch G66 1JH
Mobile: 07944707315

SOMERSET

ewe knit 20.
Ewe Knit 20 is your local yarn shop and woolly
community in Nailsea, North Somerset!
Find us in the Crown Glass Shopping Centre, look for
the orange sign and our happy sheep logo! We cater for
all your knitting and crocheting needs, with yarn,
needles, patterns and classes!
Visit: www.eweknit.co.uk
so you can even shop from home!

SUFFOLK

Jenny Wren's Yarns

For Beautiful
Hand Knitting

14 St Peters Street,
Ipswich, IP1 1XB

Tel 01473 805208

Opening Hours 10am - 5 pm
Monday - Saturday

WALES

K&J CRAFTS

Shop online, or phone your orders
on 01633 872619 or visit our shop
at Unit 16 Inshops, The Mall,
Cwmbran, Gwent NP44 1PX, Open
9am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Second store now open! At 36 Lion
Street Abergavenny, NP7 5NT.

We stock all your crafting needs

Visit our Website

www.caricrafts.co.uk



YARN SHOP DAY 2015

- 2nd of May



WALES

La Mercerie

Come and visit, and see and feel the beautiful colours and textures.

Stockist of Bergere de France, Sirdar, Sublime, Debbie Bliss, Noro, Artesano, Manos del Uruguay, Rico and Adriafl.

1 Penny Lane, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan
+44(0)1446 772055
www.lamerceriecowbridge.co.uk

WORCESTERSHIRE

Emm's ...and Sew much more...

6-8 High Street, Droitwich, WR9 8EW
01905 778381 sales@iloveemms.co.uk
www.facebook.com/emmsandsewmuchmore

Join us for a lively and friendly Knit and Natter, Coffee and Cup Cakes.
With Great Offers to Celebrate
Yarn Shop Day ~ Saturday 2nd May
Stockists of
ROWAN, DEBBIE BLISS, LOUISA HARDING, SIRDAR, KING COLE and JAMES BRETT and Sew Much More!
OPENING HOURS TUES-SAT 10.15-4.30

YORKSHIRE

Craftastic

85-87 Middlewood Road, Hillsborough
Sheffield S6 4GX Tel 0114 2316047

Open 9.30 to 4.30

Make and take sessions, project sheets, selected half price yarns and special offers on all other yarn. Knitting and crochet patterns 5 for £10.

Complimentary tea and coffee with homemade cakes throughout the day.

YORKSHIRE

Beckside Yarns & Needlecrafts

We are one of Britain's largest yarn shops with huge stocks from Debbie Bliss, Noro, Araucania, Mirasol, Louisa Harding, Juniper Moon Farm, Ella Rae, Lotus Yarns, and many more.

Open 7 days a week
10am - 5pm
www.becksideyarns.co.uk
info@becksideyarns.co.uk
[twitter@becksideyarns](https://twitter.com/becksideyarns)

Beckside Gallery
Church Avenue, Clapham
North Yorkshire, LA2 8EA
Tel: 01524 251122

WALES

UNDY YARNCRAFTS Come visit us on Yarn Shop Day!

- Goody bag worth up to £25 to the first 30 customers making a purchase
- Special offers on yarns and fibres
- Day long demonstrations

Unit 10, St Mary's Arcade, Nelson Street,
Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 5EU
undyarns@aol.com
Tel: 07732 860415
www.undyarns.co.uk

YORKSHIRE

Samuel Taylor's

Samuel Taylor - Skipton
Embsay Mills, Embsay Nr. Skipton BD23 6QF
T: (01756) 700946 F: (01756) 709981
Sirdar, King Cole, Debbie Bliss, Rico and Rowan

YORKSHIRE

CRAFT AT CLEVELAND CORNER

Positioned in the beautiful North Yorkshire fishing village of Staithes

Come visit us on Yarn Shop Day to share our love and passion for all things woolly!

Craft at Cleveland Corner
High Street, Staithes
North Yorkshire TS13 5BH
01947 841117
craft@clevelandcorner.co.uk
www.craftat.co.uk

YORKSHIRE

Knitting Pretty

For all your knitting requirements

Stockists of
WYS, Sirdar, King Cole,
Debbie Bliss,
Adriafl, Opal, Knit Pro
and more....

35 Market Place, Knaresborough, North
Yorkshire HG5 8AL Tel: 01423 869338

WARWICKSHIRE

THE WOOL SHOP

Stocking Stylecraft,
King Cole, Robin,
Wendy, Patons and
Sirdar.

4 Coventry Road, Bedworth
Warwickshire, CV12 8NN
Tel: 07864 032147

YORKSHIRE

Samuel Taylor's

Samuel Taylor - Brighouse
Kershaws Garden Shopping Centre
Halifax Road, Brighouse HD6 2QD
T: (01484) 401419 F: (01484) 401319
Sirdar, King Cole and Rico

YORKSHIRE

Cottontail Crafts

"A Paradise for Crafters"

Sirdar • Wendy • Peter Pan • Sublime
Jenny Watson • James C Brett • Rico
West Yorkshire Spinners • Hayfield
Patons • Stylecraft • Robin • Twilleys

Visit our shop in
Settle in the Yorkshire Dales
or buy online at
www.cottontailcrafts.co.uk
01729 822946

YORKSHIRE

WOOL MONKEY

Stocking Rowan, Patons, Schachenmayr,
Regia, Louisa Harding, Debbie Bliss,
Araucania, Mirasol, Sirdar, Hayfield,
Sublime and Fiberspates.

We also stock haberdashery and
handmade items by Wool Monkey.

18d Market Street, Penistone
Sheffield, S36 6BZ, UK
Tel: 01226 379025
www.woolmonkey.co.uk

WILTSHIRE

Sarah's stamp shack

Craft centre, Unit 1a, Richmond
farm, Brickworth Rd,
Whiteparish, Wiltshire SP5 2QG
Tel: 07802 669104

Stockists of Yarn, card
making & craft supplies

Open Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-4pm &
Friday evening crochet class

www.sarahstampshack.co.uk
email sarah@stampshack.co.uk

YORKSHIRE

Samuel Taylor's

Samuel Taylors - Harrogate Knitting
& Haberdashery

17 Commercial Street, Harrogate HG1 1UB
T: (01423) 568000 F: (01423) 568000

Sirdar, King Cole, Hayfield, Jenny Watson,
Sublime, James C Brett, Bergere De France,
Woolyknit Crafts and Lily Sugar n Cream

YORKSHIRE

Anne's Flowers and Crafts

Stocking a large range of yarns and
patterns from Sirdar, Sublime, Rico,
Bergere de France, Debbie Bliss,
Adriafl, Stylecraft and Wendy.

Also stocking a range of
cross-stitch and haberdashery.

Tel: 01924 494 157

119-121 Nab Lane, Mirfield, WF14 9QJ

YORKSHIRE

WWW.WOOLNSTUFF.CO.UK
For All Your Knitting Needs.

Stockists of King Cole, Sirdar, Bergere de
France, Rico, Rowan and sock yarns.
Huge range of patterns, books and
accessories.

Knit n Natter every Saturday 10 - 12
beginners welcome.
Can't make it to the shop, then you can
order online or over the phone.

12 Cross Square Wakefield WF1 1PH
Tel: 01924 565740.
Web: www.woolnstuff.co.uk

EXCLUSIVE TO

Let's
knit

Little Helper

*Whether it's protection from flour or playdough, **Lucinda Ganderton's** apron will help keep your tot clean*

Small people always look cute in stripes and we love the cheerful candy colours of this pretty pinny. It's worked in a simple half treble and treble crochet stitch pattern, and the top shaping is achieved by rejoining the yarn. The apron is finished with a neat double crochet border and a sweet front pocket for hiding away anything from toys to tasty treats!



meet our
DESIGNER

"This candy stripe apron makes a practical cover up for baking days, but it can also be worn - Railway Children style - as a best pinafore to wear over a pretty frock."

LUCINDA GANDERTON

Start crocheting here

Measurements & Sizes

Length (excluding ties): **41cm**
Width at base: **43cm**
Width at neck **14cm**

Crochet Kit

Yarn: King Cole Cottonsoft DK, (A) shade 710 White, (B) shade 716 Candy, (C) shade 1574 Coral, one 100g ball of each
Hook: 4mm
Tapestry needle

Tension Square

16 sts x 11 rows
10cm x 10cm
over patt
4mm hook

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

King Cole Cottonsoft DK is a pure cotton yarn with a soft matte finish. It drapes well and has excellent stitch definition, which works well for crochet projects. You can wash it in the machine, but don't iron or tumble dry.

Need an Alternative?

James C. Brett Cotton On is a 50/50 cotton and acrylic blend, that comes in some lovely, bright shades. It can also be machine washed.

Let's Shop

King Cole Cottonsoft DK costs £4.50 per 100g (229m) ball from 0115 947 4239, www.knitnottingham.co.uk
James C. Brett Cotton On has an RRP of £2.09 per 100g (145m) ball, for stockists call 01274 565959 or go to www.jamescbrett.co.uk

APRON

NOTE: carry yarn not in use up side of work

Using 4mm hook and yarn A, make 72ch
□ Row 1 (RS): 1tr in third ch from hook counts as first 1tr, 1tr in each ch to end, joining yarn B in last st. 71 sts
□ Row 2: 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in each st to end, joining yarn C in last st, turn
□ Row 3: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, rejoining yarn A in last st, turn
□ Row 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1tr in each st to end, rejoining yarn B in last st, turn
□ Row 5: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, rejoining yarn C in last st, turn
□ Row 6: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, rejoining yarn A in last st, turn
□ Rows 7-26: rep Rows 4-6 six more times, then Rows 4-5 once more
□ Fasten off, leaving 20cm tails on all three yarns

SHAPE TOP

□ Row 27 (RS): join yarn C with a sl st to 11th htr, 1ch, 1htr in next 46 sts, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn
□ Row 28: join yarn A to second htr, 1ch, 1dc in next st, 1tr in next 40 sts, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn
□ Row 29: join yarn B to first tr, 1ch, 1htr in next 38 sts, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn
□ Row 30: join yarn C to second htr, 1ch, 1htr in next 34 sts, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn
□ Row 31: join yarn A to first htr, 1ch, 1htr in next st, 1tr in next 30 sts, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn

□ Row 32: join yarn B to first tr, 1ch, 1htr in next 28 sts, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn
□ Row 33: join yarn C to first htr, 1ch, 1htr in next 26 sts, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn
□ Row 34: join yarn A to first htr, 1ch, 1htr in next st, 1tr in next 22 sts, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st, fasten off, turn
□ Row 35: join yarn B to first htr, 2ch, 1htr in next 22 sts, turn, do NOT fasten off

NOTE: carry yarns not in use up side of work

□ Row 36: join yarn C to first htr, 2ch, 1htr in next 21 sts, turn
□ Row 37: join yarn A to first htr, 3ch, 1tr in next 20 sts, 1tr in second of 2ch of prev row, rejoining yarn B in last st, turn
□ Row 38: 2ch, 1htr in next 20 sts, 1htr in second of 2ch of prev row, rejoining yarn C in last st, turn
□ Row 39: 2ch, 1htr in next 20 sts, 1htr in second of 2ch of prev row, rejoining yarn A in last st, turn
□ Row 40: 3ch, 1tr in next 20 sts, 1tr in second of 2ch of prev row, rejoining yarn B in last st, turn
□ Row 41: 2ch, 1htr in next 20 sts, 1tr in second of 2ch of prev row
□ Fasten off all yarns
Weave in ends

EDGING

Join yarn C with a sl st to bottom right corner, work one rnd of dc all around outside edge, working into sts as follows:

□ 2dc in each tr or 3ch
□ 1dc in each htr or 2ch
□ 3dc in each corner
□ 1dc in each dc
□ 1dc in bottom of each ch along lower edge

STRINGS (make four)

Rejoin yarn C with a sl st to one top corner, make 40ch
□ 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, fasten off
□ Rep in other top corner and two side corners
Weave in ends

POCKET

Using 4mm hook and yarn C, make 25ch
□ Row 1: 1htr in third ch from



coming next issue

SUSIE JOHN'S STYLISH CROCHET BASKETS

May issue of Let's Knit on sale Friday 17th April

hook (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each ch to end, turn. 24 sts
□ Rows 2-6: 2ch, 1htr at base of 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, 2htr in second ch of 2ch of prev row, turn. 34 sts
□ Rows 7-10: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, 1htr in second of 2ch
□ Row 11: 1ch, 1dc in st to end
□ Fasten off
Sew Pocket to centre front, 8cm up from bottom edge **LK**

"For more crochet techniques, check out our step-by-step tutorial on page 89."

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

Crochetclever

Size matters

This pattern can easily be adjusted to fit an older child. Simply work a longer foundation chain to make your project wider and to lengthen the apron, just repeat Rows 4-6 as many times as needed. Concentrate when shaping the top section, as you may need to work some rows without shaping in between the decrease rows to get the right gradient on the curve. Adjust the strings by working a longer foundation chain.

Seeing Red

Be bold and beautiful with these bright crimson yarns



Pattern 7075 from Sirdar, £2.50,
0131 558 1747, www.mcadirect.com

1 West Yorkshire Spinners Bluefaced Leicester Aran – shade Cherry Red has an RRP of £4.85 per 50g (83m) ball, for stockists call **01535 664500**, www.wyspinners.com

2 Katia Alaska – shade 004 costs £3.69 per 100g (115m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, www.loveknitting.com

3 James C. Brett Amazon – shade 05 has an RRP of £2.69 per 100g (81m) ball, for stockists call **01274 565959**, www.jamescbrett.co.uk

4 Scheepjes Cotton 8 – shade 510 Red costs £1.99 per 50g (170m) ball from **0800 488 0708**, www.deramores.com

5 Eden Cottage Askham 4ply – shade Crabapple costs £8 per 50g (200m) ball from www.edencottageyarns.co.uk

6 Debbie Bliss Blue Faced Leicester Aran – shade 08 Red costs £5.95 per 50g (75m) ball from **07974 954663**, www.awoollytail.com

7 Manos del Uruguay Silk Blend – shade 2106 Atlantic has an RRP of £8.99 per 50g (135m) skein, for stockists call **01829 740903**, www.roosteryarns.com

8 Cygnet DK – shade 1206 Red costs £1.60 per 100g (298m) skein from **01526 869112**, www.thatlittlewoolshop.co.uk



FASHION accent

WEATHER THOSE APRIL SHOWERS

1 Splash Love Red Umbrella, £19.99, **0845 475 9848**, www.theumbrellashop.co.uk

2 Ladies Wellies, £38, **0203 7500 650**, www.outdoorcampingdirect.co.uk

3 Novelty Rubber Duck, £13.51, **0560 112 2385**, www.crystaledge.co.uk

4 Savoir Red Short Belted Mac, £49, **0844 811 8112**, www.isme.com

5 Striped Rain Hat, £20, **0845 548 5440**, www.thekidwho.eu



what's in... STORE?

GET THE HOT GOSSIP FROM YOUR
FAVOURITE SHOPS AROUND THE UK

5 Minute chat

Lou Mott, owner of The Wool Monkey

What inspired you to open The Wool Monkey?

My auntie used to own the yarn shop in Penistone so I was taught to knit and crochet at an early age. Whilst being a full time mum, I made and sold work from my own designs online and at craft fairs so I decided to develop my hobby and reinvent my auntie's yarn shop.

What sets your yarn shop apart from other independent shops?

We have a large selection of yarns, haberdashery and patterns, including patterns that I'm creating. We also run lots of workshops and courses, and knit and chat groups.

Tell us about the Made By Monkey range.

Made By Monkey is a range of unique, one-off designs made by myself and fellow knitters in the shop. The range is available on our website and in the store but changes constantly. We can also make customer orders on request.

What are your favourite yarns at the moment?

I have a bit of a soft spot for lace yarns and silk so I'm itching to knit with Louisa Harding's Amitola. Another favourite is Mirasol Llama Una. It's so soft - I absolutely adore it!

Can you give us a sneak peek of what you're doing for Yarn Shop Day 2015?

We will be yarn bombing outside the shop, have a Make Your Own Wool Monkey workshop and a freebie giveaway. We're so excited for the day!

To find out more call 01226 379025 or visit www.thewoolmonkey.co.uk



The Good Wool Shop

Bursting onto the Merseyside knitting scene is newcomer The Good Wool Shop. Stocking a range of yarns for all budgets, with manmade fibres from Wendy, Robin and Patons alongside affordable cottons, pure wool and blended yarns. There will be more luxurious ranges on offer too, with favourites from Rowan, new designer lines from Erika Knight, sumptuous alpaca blends from Artesano and a selection of 100% British Blacker Yarns. The yarns on offer will be backed up with all the essential knitting and crochet tools and a selection of haberdashery, and will host classes for all ability-levels as well as regular rop-in groups. To support this new treasure trove call 01704 830465 or go to www.thegoodwoolshop.co.uk



Get Knitted

In celebration of Yarn Shop Day, Get Knitted is asking loyal knitters to help make a daisy chain of around 400 blooms which they will hang around their shop on the day. After the event, all flowers made will be sold to raise money for Parkinsons UK! So why not spread the word and get knitting in celebration or save your pennies to buy the lovely creations and also give to this worthy charity. Visit www.getknitted.com for more info on how to get involved.



The Pincushion

The Pincushion may have only opened in August but is fast becoming known for its variety of textile workshops, exciting competitions, trips out to crafty destinations and growing online community of crafters. Plus it is the first shop to stock locally grown Shropshire wool anywhere in the UK. Pop into the store or online for so much more than just yarn. 07714 418575, www.67thepincushion.co.uk

Cucumberpatch

Knitter's wonderland Cucumberpatch has an abundance of brilliant new yarns and patterns in stock from the likes of Katia, DY Choice, Debbie Bliss and Rowan. Get in quick and be the envy of your knitting pals! 01782 862332, www.cucumberpatch.com





Part 16: crochet special



LK deputy editor **Adrienne Chandler** shows you how to increase, decrease and crochet in the round

WORKING IN THE ROUND

There are two main ways of joining your work in the round. Once joined, you can work in a continuous spiral or secure the end of each round with a slip stitch. Remember to use a stitch marker to help you keep track of the beginning of the round

CHAINS AND SLIP STITCH

If you want a circle with a hole in the centre, work a number of chain stitches, then work a slip stitch in the first chain to make a ring.



Work into the centre of the ring on your next round, then on all following rounds, work into the top of the stitch as normal.



Another method is to make two chain stitches, then work into the second chain several times to form the first round of your ring.



This leaves a small hole in the centre, which can be sewn closed, if you wish.



MAGIC RING

This is often used for crochet toys as you can close the hole completely.



Step 1: make a loop of yarn with the tail hanging downwards and the working yarn overlapping in front of the tail.



Step 2: holding the loop in place, insert the hook through the centre of the loop and pull the working yarn through the loop.



Step 3: make 1ch, then work into loop as instructed in the pattern, making sure you work over the top of the tail for the first few stitches.



Step 4: when the first round is complete, pull the tail to close the hole in the centre of the loop, then work into the top of the stitches as normal.

INCREASING

The easiest way of increasing is to work several times into the same stitch. This method can be used whether you are working in rows or in the round, or using any stitch. You will need to do this to make the diameter of your circular crochet bigger.



TURN OVER FOR DECREASING

DECREASING

A common method of decreasing is to combine two or more stitches together.

**DC2TOG**

Step 1: insert the hook into the next st, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch as for a normal dc.



Step 2: instead of completing the dc, insert your hook into the next stitch in your row or round, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch, so you have three loops on your hook.



Step 3: yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook.

For a dc3tog, work Step 2 twice, so you have four loops on your hook.

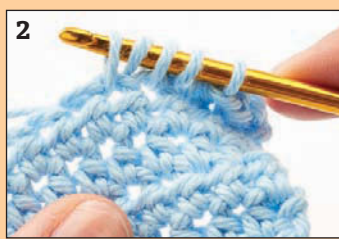


Knit School is sponsored by HiyaHiya. Find double-pointed, circular and

interchangeable needles in stainless steel or bamboo varieties, plus notions and accessories. There is also a selection of crochet hooks, available in aluminium, nickel and acrylic. The hook used here is from the aluminium range. Visit www.hiyahiya-europe.com/stockists for further information

**HTR2TOG**

Step 1: yoh, insert the hook into the next st, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch.



Step 2: repeat Step 1 in the next stitch, so you have five loops on your hook.



Step 3: yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook.

**TR2TOG**

Step 1: start working as for a normal treble crochet stitch, but stop when you have two loops left on your hook



Step 2: yoh, insert the hook into the next st, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch so you have four loops on the hook.



Step 3: yoh, pull through the first two loops on the hook, so three loops remain.



Step 4: yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook.

**DTR2TOG**

Step 1: start working as for a normal double treble crochet stitch, but stop when you have two loops left on your hook.



Step 3: yoh, pull through two loops on hook, yoh, pull through next two loops on hook, so you have three loops on your hook.



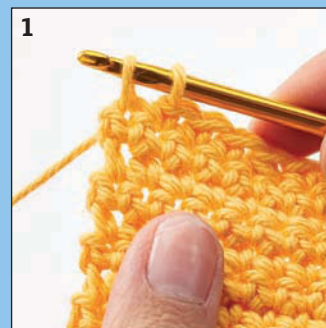
Step 2: yoh twice, insert hook into next st, yoh and pull loop through stitch, giving you five loops on the hook.



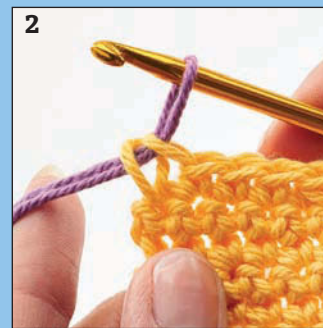
Step 4: yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook.

JOINING IN A NEW COLOUR

The neatest way to join a new yarn or shade is during the last movement of the previous stitch, even if this is actually on the row before. Here's how you join a new yarn in a double crochet stitch:



Step 1: insert the hook into the next stitch, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch – two loops on hook.



Step 2: using the new colour, yoh and pull through both loops. Pull yarn tails to tighten loops if needed.



TOTALLY CHARMED

Always losing track of your stitches? Never fear – our friends at Charmed Knitting are here to lend a helping hand! They're giving away an incredible 25 sets of Little Fish stitch markers, with each one being worth £4.99. Just right for keeping track of those tricky patterns! To see their full range of unique designs, go to www.charmedknitting.co.uk

☒ Charmed Knitting



25
to win!



FEELING SHEEPISH

Craft yourself a fluffy friend with this loveable rucksack knit kit from Herdy. Worth £38, we have four kits to give away, each containing four balls of British herdywool and full instructions to make your brand new pal. You'll want to take him everywhere! Visit www.herdy.co.uk for the full range of sheep-themed products.

☒ Herdy

Let's
Knit



CROCHET CLEVER

Woodland critters are as popular as ever and three winners can get their crafty paws on a fabulous crochet kit from Hawthorn Handmade. Each kit contains everything you need to make a forest friend. We have one badger kit, one fox kit, and a hare kit to give away! Call 01258 880691 or visit www.hawthornhandmade.com to find out more.

☒ Hawthorn Handmade

3
to win!

DESIGNER DAYS

Containing ten balls of DY Choice's new season Cotton Aran and ten balls of the brand's beautifully soft, self-striping La Paz, this superb bundle from Designer Yarns is perfect for replenishing your stash. We've giving it all away to one lucky reader! For their full range of new season yarns, visit www.designeryarns.uk.com

☒ Designer Yarns



worth
over
£90!

GIVEAWAYS

LOOK AT THESE INCREDIBLE PRIZES WORTH OVER £750!

COSY HOME

Craft your own colourblock cushion with Stitch & Story's gorgeous knit kit! Two winners will receive a Kingley Cushion Cover Knitting Kit, which comes with everything you need to whip up a stylish new addition to your home. www.stitchandstory.com has the full selection of products.

☒ Stitch & Story



2
to win!

GIVEAWAY FORM

To enter our giveaways, just tick the box (or boxes) corresponding with the prize you want to win and send your entry to us, to arrive no later than 23/04/15. Mark your envelope: **Let's Knit, April Giveaways, PO Box 443, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP2 8WG**

☐ Charmed Knitting ☐ Designer Yarns ☐ Herdy ☐ Hawthorn Handmade ☐ Stitch & Story

Why did you decide to buy this issue? (tick all that apply)

☐ I'm a subscriber ☐ I liked the free gift ☐ I liked the cover projects ☐ I buy every issue
☐ Recommended by a friend ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Please complete your contact details:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other _____ Forename _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Daytime telephone _____ Email _____

You may photocopy this form to avoid cutting your magazine. Full terms & conditions on page 95.

ONLINE GIVEAWAYS WORTH OVER £230!

We have even more fantastic prizes to be won! These giveaways can only be entered online at www.letsknit.co.uk

● All the yarn, needles and accessories to make patterns 36 and 37 from Bergere de France Magazine 176.
www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

● Three copies of Vest Bets and three copies of Modern Country Knits from GMC. www.thegmcgroup.com

● 16 balls of new season Sirdar yarn, including eight balls of Beachcomber and eight balls of Cotton 4ply.
www.sirdar.co.uk

Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐ From time to time Aceville Publications will share details with other reputable companies who provide products and services that may be of interest to you. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐

Turn the TABLES

Keep these pages handy to guide you on your way

YARN WEIGHTS

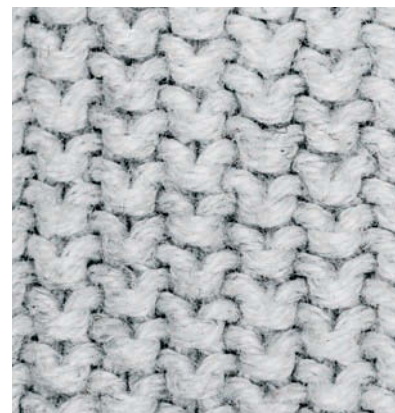
ABBREVIATIONS

o	no stitches, times or rows	skpo	slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
-	no stitches, times or rows for that size	sk2po	slip next stitch purlwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over and off needle
alt	alternate	sl 2, k1	slip next two stitches knitwise at the same time, knit one, pass both slipped stitches over
approx	approximately	p2sso	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle
beg	beginning	sl 1	slip one stitch
C4F	(cable 4 front) slip two stitches on to cable needle, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle (cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	sl st	slip stitch
C4B	(cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	sm	slip marker
ch	chain stitch	sp (s)	space(s)
ch sp	chain space	ssk	one by one slip the next two stitches knitwise. Put your left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
cm	centimetres	st (s)	stitch (es)
cn	cable needle	st st	stocking stitch (k on RS row, p on WS row)
cont	continue (ing)	tbl	through the back loop (s)
dc	double crochet	tr	treble crochet
dc2tog	(insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through loop) twice, yarn over hook, pull through all three loops on hook	w&t	(on knit rows) take the yarn between the needles to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn (on purl rows) take the yarn between the needles to the back of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
dec	decrease (ing)	WS	wrong side
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)	wyib	with yarn in back
dtr	double treble crochet	wyif	with yarn in front
fol	following	y	yarn back
htr	half treble crochet	yfwd	yarn forward (between knit stitches)
inc	increase (ing)	yo	work yfwd/yon/yrn as appropriate
k	knit	yoh	yarn over hook
kfb	knit into the front and the back of the next stitch	yon	yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
k2tog	knit two stitches together	yrn	yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
kwise	knitwise	y2rn	wrap yarn twice around needle
m1	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it	*	repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed
m1p	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and purling into the back of it	[]	work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed
meas	measure (s)		
mm	millimeters		
N1 (2, 3)	needle 1 (2, 3)		
p	purl		
pb	place bead		
pfb	purl into the front and back of next st		
pm	place marker		
p2tog	purl two stitches together		
prev	previous		
psso	pass slipped stitch over and off needle		
p2sso	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle		
pwise	purlwise		
rem	remain (ing)		
rep	repeat (ing)		
rev st st	reverse stocking stitch (p on RS row, k on WS row)		
rm	remove marker		
rnd(s)	round(s)		
RS	right side		

YARN TYPE	STANDARD TENSION	STANDARD NEEDLE SIZE
Lace	30-33 sts-36-50 rows	2mm-3mm
4ply	28 sts-36 rows	3.25mm
DK	22 sts-28 rows	4mm
Aran	18 sts-24 rows	5mm
Chunky	14 sts-19 rows	6.5mm
Super Chunky	9 sts-12 rows	10mm

NEEDLE SIZING

UK (mm)	U.S.A	Old UK/Canada
2	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4	6	8
4.5	7	7
5	8	6
5.5	9	5
6	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
15	-	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
20	36	-
25	50	-



TENSION HEADACHE

It's really important to knit tension square before you begin a project. Not everybody knits the same way - some knit more tightly than others - and this will affect how the stitch pattern looks and the finished size of the item. Tension squares are usually presented like this:

22 sts x 30 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
4mm needles

To knit your tension square, cast on the instructed number of stitches, in this case 22, plus five more. Then, using the needle size and same stitch pattern given, work the instructed number of rows, plus five more. Using a ruler and taking your measurements from the centre of the square, count the number of stitches and number of rows over a 10cm square. If you have more than you should do, it means your knitting is a little tight and you may need to use larger needles. Similarly, if you have fewer stitches and rows, use smaller needles to get the correct tension.

"Using the correct size of needles for the yarn weight helps to produce a taut, neat fabric"



AT A LOOSE END?

Follow these steps for weaving in any tails of yarn:

1. Thread the yarn on to a tapestry needle and work with the WS of the project facing upwards.
2. Insert the needle under the loop of each stitch, and draw it through. Work it

up and down the loops of the stitches for 8cm. An alternative method is to weave through the back of the stitch, splitting the strand of yarn as you sew.

3. Cut the yarn close to the fabric.
NOTE: In colourwork, weave the yarn tails into the matching colour section.

SUBSTITUTION

There are many reasons to want to substitute the yarn given in a project, from price to colour selection, but there are some important points to remember.

- Choose a yarn with a similar tension to the suggested yarn. Match the tension given on the ball band of the yarns, as the pattern may use a different stitch. Remember to do a tension square in the new yarn before you begin.
- Consider the fibre content of the yarn and how this might affect the finished project. For example, cotton yarn will knit up very differently to a wool yarn.



- Don't forget to check the care instructions of your new yarn. Not all yarns are machine washable.
- Look at the meterage of the new yarn, rather than the weight of the ball. Not all 50g balls have the same meterage and you don't want to run short when nearing the end of your project.

ON THE BLOCKS

Blocking is the process of stretching and shaping your finished items to create the correct dimensions from the pattern and even out your stitches. It is also really useful for ensuring that pieces to be joined fit well together. There are a few different ways to achieve this, so check the information on the yarn ball band and pick the most suitable option.

Wet blocking: dampen the pieces so that they are wet through and gently squeeze out the excess water. Lay out the pieces and pin them to the correct measurements,

then leave them to dry. For delicate fibres and lace projects, you can just spritz the pieces with a water spray, rather than submerging them fully.

Steaming: lay a damp cloth over your work and gently iron over the top – do not iron directly on to your knitting. Continue to iron until the cloth is dry. Another option is to gently hover over your work with the iron and apply steam until the knitting relaxes, this is good for delicate projects and textured stitches. Pin to the desired measurements and allow to set.

Pattern UPDATES

Here at LK we try our hardest to make sure our patterns are free from errors, but sometimes they do slip through the net. Here you will find our latest pattern updates; we apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have any queries about one of our patterns, please call 01206 508622 or email support@letsknit.co.uk. For further updates visit www.letsknit.co.uk

LK89, February Sweet Eve, p40

There is a correction to Row 13 of the Chart



LK90, March Three of a kind, p40

The cat and frog both require two 100g balls, not one as stated

Cosy Living, p47

There are some instructions missing from the Upper Back Panel of the cushion. Please continue as follows:

- Work in Cable patt as for Front until Cable patt has been worked three times in total
- Cast off



Fast Fashion, p58

There is a correction for the Headband. It should read:

- Work in rib as for Wrist-warmers until work meas 10cm, ending after a Row 1
- Next row: k2tog, p1. * k2, p1, rep from * to last two sts, k2tog. 21 sts

Then continue with the Lace section as written

Secret Garden, p60

There is a correction to the Diamond Lace square.

The four rows of stocking stitch at the beginning and end of the motif should be worked as stated but keeping the garter stitch border at each end.

We do apologise for any inconvenience caused by the above errors in our pattern instructions

Step-BY-Step

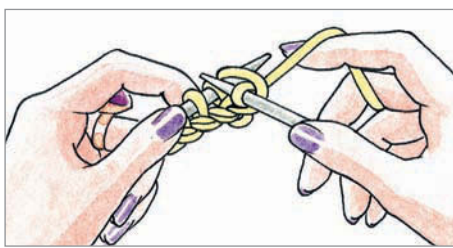
Learn to knit today with these clear guides



KNIT STITCH



1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the right needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the left needle. The right hand needle should sit behind the left hand one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the tip of the right hand needle.



2 Using the right hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right hand needle. Slide the original stitch off the left hand needle. Repeat from step one. You are now knitting! The knit stitch can be combined with other stitches to create hundreds of different stitch patterns.

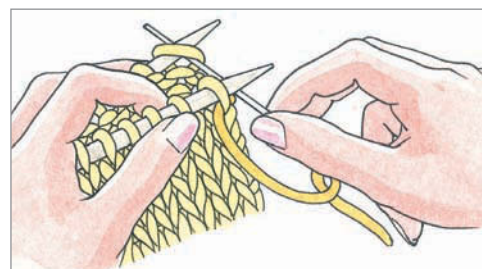
GRAFT THE TOE



Kitchener Stitch is the method used to achieve this. It is worked as follows:

SET UP: Before starting you need to prepare the stitches on the needle. Hold the two needles with the remaining stitches parallel. The loose end of yarn should be coming from the back needle and lying to the right of the work.

1 Thread yarn end onto a tapestry needle and insert it purlwise into the first stitch on the needle closest to you. Pull the yarn through but leave the stitch on the needle.



2 Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



3 Having set up as shown in steps 1 and 2, repeat steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the front needle purlwise and pull the yarn through, this time leaving the stitch on the needle.



4 Insert the tapestry needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back needle and slide it off. Before pulling the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.

HELPING HAND

If you need a refresher on basic knitting techniques, visit our website www.letsknit.co.uk.

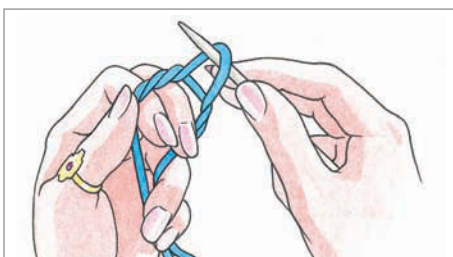
You'll also find the following step-by-step instructions in the magazine:

How to crochet p89

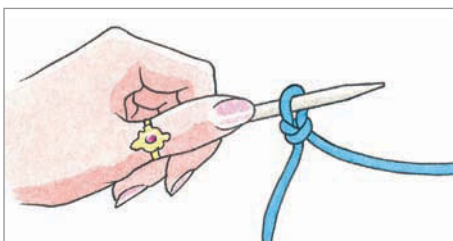
p89



MAKING A SLIP KNOT

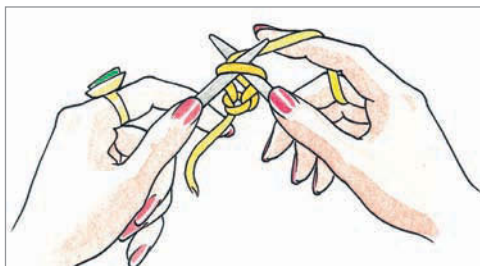


1 Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, and pull the second loop under the first.

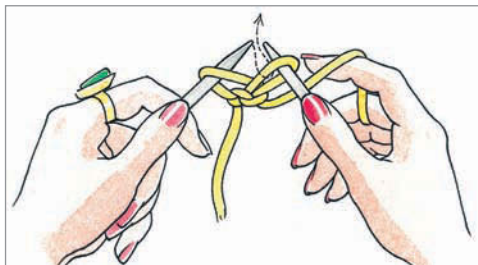


2 Remove the two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

CABLE CAST ON



1 Create a slipknot on your left hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.

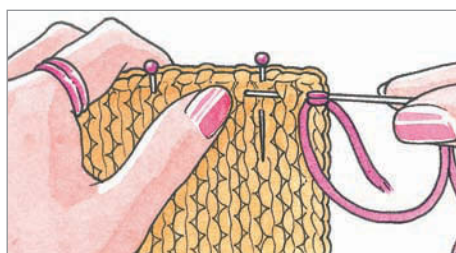


2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch (knot) and insert the tip of the left hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer it from the right hand to the left hand needle. There should now be two stitches on the left hand needle.



3 Insert the right needle between the two stitches on the left needle and wrap the yarn around the needle tip anticlockwise. Draw this loop through to make a stitch and slip it up and onto the left needle. Repeat this creating a new loop behind the last stitch and passing its left needle in front of the previous one.

BACK STITCH

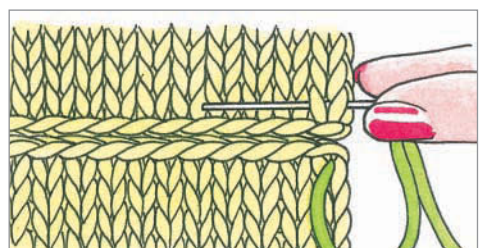


1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.

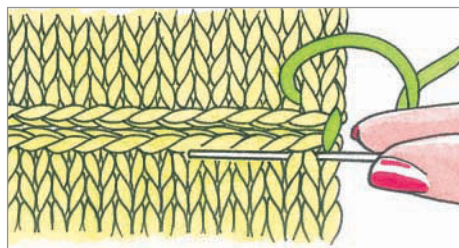


2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

JOINING CAST OFF EDGES

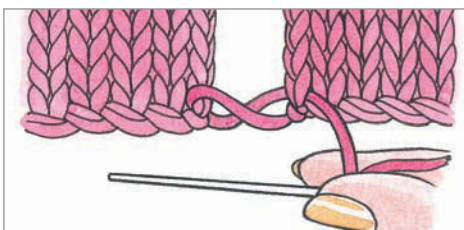


1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



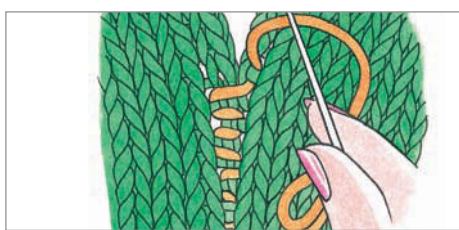
2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

BEGINNING A SEAM



1 With the pieces placed next to each other with right side upwards, thread the yarn tail through the fabric after the first stitch, moving the needle from front to back. Then, take the needle behind the first stitch on the second piece from the back of the work to the front. The yarn will form a figure 8. Tug gently to secure.

MATTRESS STITCH



1 With the two pieces to be joined lying next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with the tapestry needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side.

2 Repeat this moving from one piece to the next and pulling the yarn to tighten the join.

LET'S KNIT 1 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY, 01206 508622
support@letsknit.co.uk

EDITOR Sarah Neal, 01206 508622,
sarah.neal@aceville.co.uk

DEPUTY EDITOR Adrienne Chandler,
adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk

EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS Molly Todd,
molly.todd@aceville.co.uk, Isobel Smith,
isobel.smith@aceville.co.uk

GROUP EDITOR Lynn Martin, 01206 505980

PUBLISHING DIRECTOR Helen Tudor,
01206 505970

ADVERTISING MANAGER Julie Freestone
01206 505913 julie.freestone@aceville.co.uk

SENIOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Samantha Dean
01206 505114 samantha.dean@aceville.co.uk

ART EDITOR Rick Allen

DESIGNERS Gemma Eales, Jen Kessel & Lloyd Oxley

AD PRODUCTION Charly Sanderson

PHOTOGRAPHY CliQQ Photography,
www.cliqq.co.uk

HAIR AND MAKE UP Dottie Monaghan

FASHION STYLIST Boo Hill

PROMOTIONS OFFICER Liz Tuthill 01206 505927
liz.tuthill@aceville.co.uk

CREDIT CONTROL MANAGER Sue Carr
01206 505903 sue.carr@aceville.co.uk

SUBSCRIPTIONS EXECUTIVE Jo Gould
jo.gould@aceville.co.uk

SUBSCRIPTION ENQUIRIES 44(0)1795 414715
letsknit@servicehelpline.co.uk

MARKETING MANAGER Andrea Turner

PUBLISHER Matthew Tudor

NEWSTRADE SALES Marketforce 0203 148 3300
PRINTED In England © Aceville Publications Ltd

GIVEAWAYS TERMS & CONDITIONS

This competition is open to all UK residents aged 18 or over, excluding employees or agents of the associated companies and their families. The prize detailed in each competition cannot be exchanged for goods, or towards the purchase of goods at any retail outlet. It cannot be exchanged for cash, or replaced if lost or damaged. Illegible entries and those that do not abide by these T&Cs will be disqualified. Prizes must be taken as stated and cannot be deferred. The decision of the judge is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners will be notified by 15/05/15, a list of winners will be available on request in writing from Andrea Turner, 21/23 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY

Your details will be processed by Aceville Publications Ltd (publishers of Let's Knit) in full accordance with data protection legislation. All entries become the property of Aceville Publications Ltd, publishers of Let's Knit. Aceville Publications Ltd and sister companies may wish to contact you with information of other services and publications we provide which may be of interest.

Mother's Day Sunday 15th March

FROM ONLY £19.99 FOR ANY
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

SAVE UP
TO £20*



Homemaker
6 ISSUES FOR £19.99

Crafty Inspiration for the Home



Crafts Beautiful
6 ISSUES FOR £19.99

Free Crafty Gifts with every issue



Sew
6 ISSUES FOR £24.99

Stylish Sewing Projects for
Home and Style



Let's Knit
6 ISSUES FOR £19.99

High value gifts and gorgeous
knits every issue



Make & Sell Jewellery
6 ISSUES FOR £19.99

Jewellery inspiration to
make and sell



PaperCrafter
5 ISSUES FOR £19.99

Free mini Paper Kits with
every issue



Let's Get Crafting
5 ISSUES FOR £24.99

Crafty Inspiration for the Home



Make it Today
5 ISSUES FOR £24.99

Projects and inspiration for your
exclusive bumper craft kit

Visit: www.aceville.com/mothersday

Call: 01795 414964

Quote: MD15

*TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY, REFER ONLINE FOR FULL DETAILS.

Click & Knit

TO ADVERTISE HERE CALL 01206 505114
OR EMAIL: samantha.dean@aceville.co.uk



www.zalascrafts.co.uk

Stockists of Yarn & accessories from Debbie Bliss, DY Choice, Hayfield, KnitPro, Mirasol, Sirdar, Sublime, and others.

Use Discount Code ORD10 to get 10% off your first order



Knitting by Post

Toy and Novelty
Knitting Patterns

Pyjama Cases, Toilet Roll
Covers, Puppets & Toys

Click <http://knittingbypost.co.uk>



Peachey Ethknits

Sirdar, Sublime, Rowan, Stylecraft, Regia, Patons - Knitting Yarns; Beth Russell, Historical Sampler, Heritage, Derwentwater, Vervaco - Needlework & Rug Kits; Denise Needle & Crochet Hook Sets

E: ethknits@gmail.com Tel: 44(0)1245 327006

www.ethknits.co.uk



Yarn Pile

International
Yarns... Locally

Stocking yarns and patterns from Stylecraft, Woolcraft, King Cole, Debbie Bliss, Louisa Harding, Opal, Artesano, Schoeller & Stahl, James C Brett and Designer Yarns.

www.yarnpile.co.uk



www.vanessabeedesigns.co.uk

Sheep Shopping/Knitting Bags £6.99
Lots more designs on our website,
plus loads more sheep goodies!

Trade Enquiries Welcome

Email: info@vanessabeedesigns.co.uk Tel: 017687 71447



www.wool4less.co.uk

Discounted Packs
Online Chat
Free Patterns
Needles & Accessories
Free P&P on orders over £25

Knitting: it's a beautiful thing

Web Watch...

with Vicky from Knitting by Post

Can you tell us a little more about the story behind Knitting by Post?

Like most people, my knitting skills were passed down through my family. I started making toy patterns in 2013 just for fun; as an experiment, I tried to sell a few and they proved really popular. It took a few months to get my website set-up, but since then I haven't looked back.

What can customers expect from Knitting by Post?

I make my patterns as simple and easy to understand as possible with no complicated language. All of them are designed using DK or chunky yarns, so most customers will have something suitable in their stash or can get hold of the yarn inexpensively at your local high street. All my patterns are unique and varied and the range is expanding all the time – there are at least three new patterns every month!

Your toy patterns are both cute and unique – what do you look for when developing and choosing new characters?

More than anything, I enjoy designing items that have a purpose – for example the pyjama cases and toilet roll covers are fun but have a useful function, too. It can take a lot of work building the cuteness factor into the patterns and I re-design some pieces over and over until they are just right and easy enough to be re-created by other knitters.

A lot of your patterns are available as both leaflets and PDF downloads. Why do you think it's important to offer both options for your customers?

I started by just selling leaflets, but after a few months I realised my customers also wanted PDF files, and both are equally as popular. Some customers mix and match – for example, some knitters buy leaflets, but may buy a download to use on a tablet when they go on holiday to save space. Leaflets are the traditional way to buy a knitting pattern; a PDF download is an instant purchase and there is something nice about getting started straight away.



To see the full range of products please visit
www.knittingbypost.co.uk

“Keep trying, keep knitting, keep learning”

We chat with **Tanis Gray** about her latest book and her prolific career in knitting



She's had over 400 patterns published, her sixth book *Wanderlust* is about to hit the shelves, and she even has her own regular spot on the American show *Knitting Daily TV*. After facing a difficult choice between applying for an academic course or following her heart and studying something more creative, it's clear that Tanis Gray has certainly made the right decision! We recently caught up with her to find out just how she got started in the field and what tips she has for other aspiring designers.

I learned to knit when I was 8 years old.

My mum used to knit in the past and wanted to make me a mauve mohair sweater – while she reacquainted herself with knitting, she taught me at the same time. As soon as I learnt how to cast on and work garter stitch, I was off and running, instantly addicted.

When I was applying for further education, I had a great internal struggle over whether to attend a regular university or apply for a more specialized art school. I asked myself to choose between a field that might make me a lot of money but would have zero creativity, or a field that might not make me rich or famous but I could be creative and use that force to make things for other people, and suddenly I had my answer. I love that I come from a long line of knitters and crocheters and that my ancestors long ago probably felt the same way as they watched something beautiful come off their needles. I feel a constant need to create and it never seems to be satiated.

I have a new book out called *Wanderlust*, and I'm so excited about it! It's a collection of almost 50 designs all created using superwash yarn. The first time I saw one of my books on a bookshelf, I jumped up and down with excitement! Seeing an idea you hatched come to fruition and be available to

knitters everywhere is astounding.



If you're an aspiring knitter or designer just starting out, my advice is always the same: never give up! If you want to publish your own pattern, do it! Put yourself out there and see what comes of it. Even if your design doesn't get accepted, don't let that stop you. Some people go through a design rejection and give up. Imagine how the world would be if everyone gave up on their ideas and doing what they love on the first go around. Keep trying, keep knitting, keep learning.



My well of inspiration has never run dry – it's time that seems to do that instead!

There are never enough hours in the day. I love using blogging as a way to reach knitters who are in the far corners of the world. I treat my blog as a conversation I'm having with my readers, and I share with them interesting articles, ideas, inspiration and stories about my crafting life. I want people to read each post and think, “wow, I didn't know that,” or “I really want to try that technique.”

To find out more about Tanis and her projects, go to www.tanisknits.com

TOP FIVE

Tanis's top choice of yarns in her stash

- Jade Sapphire cashmere** – the colourway ‘Tanis Grays’ is named after me. That's pretty special!
- Neighborhood Fiber Co worsted** – I love the deep blue colour; it calls to me every time I dig through my stash!
- Madelinetosh** – I taught a sweater class once and half the class used a golden brown yarn from Madelinetosh. It seems to glow in the sunlight.
- Handspun yarn** – I have some a dear friend created for me. It's a stunning shade of green that reminds me of spring.
- Alchemy yarn** – Alchemy made some custom dyed yarn for me once when I went to visit them in California. The skeins are such a lovely colour!



Tanis's new book *Wanderlust: 46 Modern Knits for Bohemia Style* is out on the 27th of March (published by Interweave Press, RRP £12.54). Available at www.amazon.co.uk

coming next issue

We find out the stash secrets of top Rowan designer **MARTIN STOREY**. May issue of *Let's Knit* on sale Friday 17th April



4522



4520



4523



4521



SIRDAR

Baby Bamboo

double knitting

Trendy spring knits - 5 leaflets in sizes for babies and children

deramores

THE ONLINE KNITTING
AND CROCHET STORE

EASY ONLINE SHOPPING

- OVER **800** YARNS
- **NEW** PRODUCTS ADDED EVERY WEEK
- **FREE** DELIVERY** & **SAME DAY** DESPATCH



**FREE
PATTERNS!**

15% OFF EVERYTHING*

ENTER THE COUPON CODE **LK91** ON THE SHOPPING BASKET PAGE

*One use per customer. Terms and conditions apply.

**On orders over £25. Image from Deramores Pattern 1016.

www.deramores.com ORDER LINE ☎ **0800 488 0708**

Yarn • Patterns • Books • Needles • Buttons • Accessories